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Is That Spot A Real (Yawn) UFO?

'Space Object' Lost in Red Tape

P-I Staff

A professional photographer named DeGriff has stumbled on what may be an unidentified flying object (UFO) — and on an overwhelming disinterest in objects, unidentified, that fly.

The UFO craze, it seems is on the wane.

This much DeGriff — he never uses a first name — learned over the past several days as he went from place to place showing off a color slide he shot the night of May 17 in Tacoma.

A white object that looks like the lower half of a full moon peeking beneath the clouds is clearly visible in the upper left corner of the slide.

DeGriff said he did not notice the object when he made the shot on High Speed Ektachrome film about 8:30 p.m., but he is sure the moon was not in that part of the sky.

He got his completed slides back from Eastman Kodak Co. a week ago Monday and noticed the object. Then he called McChord Air Force Base and talked to an airman who said the Air Force had had "a visual sighting over Mercer Island" that night.

Mercer Island police have no record of a sighting that night. But early in the morning of the 21st, a resident reported red and green lights out toward Mt. Rainier. They were still there when two policemen answered the call and they saw them, too.

A check of other area police departments reveals no record of sightinsg reported in that time period.

DeGriff took his slide down to McChord and showed it to a couple of colonels who agreed that is sure was a slide and it sure had a white object on it. End of interest. The Air Force is no longer "officially" interested in UFOs.

A sergeant in the same office said yesterday they don't even log the calls—just tell people to contact local law enforcement agencies. But in another McChord office the word is that people are referred to the Washington State Civil Defense office in Olympia.

A check with Dyer Downing, state warning officer in the Office of Emergency Services in Olympia, revealed that DeGriff had contacted the office and was sent a form to fill out.

"What do you do with the forms?" Downing was asked.

Downing evaluates them to see if the sighting presents any threat to the people of the state. None has so far.

Then he either files them or sends them on to a UFO expert at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

Downing said the threat he is worried about isn't so much "from the other side," but rather from such things as traffic jams, mass fear and possibly panic if a large number of people suddenly began getting a collective case of saucer nerves.

But, he added, if there was such a thing as a real threat "from the other side" his office is charged with notifying the proper government agencies so they can decide what the people are to do.

Reports Still Logged

Here are some typical UFO sighting reports received last year by the State Office of Emergency Services:

A 13-year-old boy saw an object the size of a 727. It was dark blue and had lights going around. It was at about 5,000 feet and moving northwest when he saw it for a half a minute on Dec. 10.

On Dec. 7 at 11:45 a.m., a 56-year-old woman reports that her husband saw a five-foot domed shaped object moving at treetop level south for a half a mile, then west.

On Dec. 5, someone on Vashon Island saw an object moving at 2,000 to 3,000 feet. It had headlights like a car.

A jockey used binoculars to track an object he said was bigger than a helicopter. Someone in Puyallup saw an object that looked like a star. It rose about 10 degrees above the horizon for 1½ minutes, then disappeared.

A 16-year-old student saw a round object of unknown size with red lights on top and white lights on bottom. It moved south, then east, then away.

According to the state office, there was no pattern in any of last year's sightings, but several years ago a series of reports from a single time period yielded a plotting of the sightings up from Oregon, through the western part of the state as far as Vashon Island, then out over the coast.

The UFO business has fallen off a great deal in recent years—the last serious outbreak was about three years ago when there were numerous sightings, some associated with a beeping noise, Downing said. There was a slight pickup last year with a total of 43 sighting reports, but mostly in individual, unrelated sightings rather than cases of the same object being seen by many people.

All of this means very little to DeGriff, who still can't get anybody to tell him what the white object on his film might be.

His next step is to fill out the form and send it in so the state can decide if the object constitutes a threat to the people.

News Briefs — Bremerton, Wash. (Sun) May 24, 1974

Resident Tells Of Seeing UFO's

UFO! UFO! UFO!

Actually, there were four of them, according to the observer, Rex Crossen Sr. of Brinnon, and they should have been visible to many residents of Hood Canal.

The unidentified flying objects were seen by Crossen and his wife Monday night at 10 o'clock flying from east to northwest very slowly, he said.

"The objects were circular and appeared to be approximately 50 feet in diameter," said Crossen. "Each circle contained eight to ten bright spots. These spots would fade, becoming nearly indistinct, then reappear quite bright. There was no apparent revolving motion. The UFO appeared as a circle riding on its circumferance across the northern sky at a guess of 10,000 feet."

The Crossens watched the objects until they disappeared ten minutes later.

Some Of Mt. Airy UFOs Solved, Many Are Not

Some of the UFO sightings in Mount Airy and Surry County six months ago and in May, 1974 are solved, whereas many of them were not. Twenty five per cent of the cases thoroughly investigated remain in the "unexplained" category. "These figures roughly parallel the unsolved cases in the U. S. Air Force Project Blue Book and the University of Colorado Condon Committee studies," veteran UFO investigator and researcher George D. Fawcett stated Tuesday.

"Incredible UFO reports by credible persons from all walks of life continue on the upswing on a global basis in 1974," Fawcett said. "Two new Air Force projects, code-named Old New Moon and Bluepaper and JANAP 146-E (Joint Army-Navy-Air Force Publication) cover continued efforts to shed some light on the growing global enigma by the military. Scientists at the Center for UFO Studies in Northfield, Illinois now have a toll-free number distributed to all local police departments for the purpose of relaying such encounters to the scientific community for study and evaluation," Fawcett reported.

An object that fell from an oval blue UFO on the roof of Mr. Floyd Bowman's home in Ararat, North Carolina last October 25 was turned over to Fawcett by Captain Bob Hiatt of the Surry County Sheriff's Department. Fawcett in turn mailed it to the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) in Tucson, Arizona for analysis. One of APRO's consultants Dr. Robert L. Gilbertson of the Department of Plant Pathology, University of Arizona analyzed the object and found it was the reproduction organ of a plant parasite FOMES ROBINEAE, which decays the heartwood of the Black Locust. It takes a pressure from 10 to 40 pounds to break it loose from a tree trunk. No evidence of unusual handling was found and no evidence of radiation was discovered. It could have been dropped from a sample gathering operation or have been knocked off a nearby tree when the UFO maneuvered overhead making a "loud whistling sound."

Currently, a photograph taken by Tommy Thompson, an employee of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in Winston-Salem, is under investigation by the National Investigations Committee On Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) in Kensington, Maryland. Thompson took the photo of a circular disc-shaped UFO last October 15 at 5:30 p. m. at Lewisville, N. C. with his 174 Instamatic Camera. It had a flat bottom and was about 30 feet long. The UFO photographed appeared to be following a single-engine plane at an altitude of 1,000 feet. It was preceded by two white clusters of light.

Last year brought a total of over 87 landings from 23 states and 10 countries. Forty one of the landings involved UFO occupants either aboard or outside of the UFO on the ground.

The most recent reports in the Mount Airy area occurred on May 10 when a "huge round reddish UFO", reported by several frightened residents was discovered to be a parachute flare sent up by pranksters. Policeman Donnie York identified the flare from a nearby hillside.

On Thursday night, May 15 other residents in Mount Airy described a brilliant red, green and white UFO that changed colors. Upon investigation, Fawcett was able to determine that the UFO could be identified as the "scintillation of stars" due to atmospheric illusions.

Eight of the more than 128 either landings or occupant cases in 1973 occurred in North Carolina.

Sightings in 1974 are pouring in from France, Italy, Argentina, Japan, Australia, England, Canada, Brazil and the United States. Tar Heel sightings in 1974 have come from Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Mount Airy, Elkin, Yadkinville, Huntsville, Greensboro, Mount Olive, Dudley and Goldsboro—just to mention a few.

June 24, 1974 will be the 27th anniversary of UFO's in modern times. After over 3 decades of investigation by military, scientific and civilian investigations the UFOs appear to be here to stay. Fawcett welcomes both old and new reports and asks that they be mailed to him at: 607 North Main Street in Mount Airy, N. C. 27030 or by calling 919-786-5410 (no collect calls).

Mount Airy, N.C. Mount Airy News Fri. May 24, 1974

Flashing in Technicolor

UFO Sighting Really Far Out

By DICK FRAZIER
Staff Writer

Here's a UFO story with a logical ending — the "object" wasn't flying after all, not in any earth sense.

Audley Higbie of 3999 E. Chadwick Rd. in Olive Township near DeWitt was the first to report it to State Police at the Lansing post about 10:15 p.m. Tuesday.

IT HAD been sationary in the western sky for at least half an hour, was hovering, but didn't seem any closer or farther away, Higbie said. And it was alternately flashing green, white and red.

Trooper Dan Cook went to the Higbie home and took a look himself. "Yep," Cook ruled, 'that's a UFO, all right, a real, live UFO"

Cook and his partner then went to the FAA control tower at Capital City Airport and reported the object to controllers there who are accustomed to UFO sightings. It was a perfectly clear night and there was absolutely nothing on the airport's radar screen.

THEN THE controllers and the troopers looked at the object with glasses and the controllers explained they were viewing a pulse star. It was then 18 degrees south of due west and apparently flashing red, green and white.

"Pulse stars," Cook wrote in his report, "are much like our sun, but pulse with energy at an even signal rate. Because of gases surrounding the star, the spectrum of light much like a rainbow is emitted as the energy pulses. The refracted light seems to flash."

And that, Cook indicated, is the difference between an unidentified flying object and "Tinkle, twinkle, little star."

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CANADA

UFOs sighted at Drumheller

DRUMHELLER (CP) — Residents Tuesday night bombarded police and the radio station with reports of between five and 28 unidentified flying objects, described as "lit up like cigarette ends."

Reports said there were long lines of fire behind each one.

The Suffield Air Force Base and the weather office had no explanation for the sightings in the community, 70 miles northeast of Calgary.

Later, the mystery fizzled with an explanation from Drumheller RCMP: the lights had come from special flares released from low-flying aircraft involved in a hail research program.

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Local Couple Spots UFOs

UFO proponents made believers out of a Marion couple early Wednesday morning as they watched two intensely bright objects for a half-hour before they disappeared.

Mrs. Sanford Sampson, who lives just south of Marion on M-66, reported that she spotted the objects from her bedroom window about 5:00 a.m. Wednesday. She awakened her husband and together they watched the objects with binoculars for about a half hour before they vanished from sight.

The objects appeared to be about the size of jet planes although one appeared larger than the other, Mrs. Sampson reported. They gave off an intense yellowish-white light and appeared to be rotating. What appeared to be a prong protruded from one side of one of the objects and because the prong was first seen on one side and then on the other, the Sampsons figured the object was rotating.

The Sampsons wouldn't hazard a guess as to how far away the objects were except that they were lower than stars would be. Besides, Mrs. Sampson said, there were no stars out. The objects were traveling in a southeasterly direction.

UFO conference

I recently read that an organization called the National Investigations Committee on Unidentified Flying Objects is going to hold a conference at the Anaheim Convention Center in June. Is this meeting open to the public and is there an admission charge? T. K., Cypress.

The UFO Convention, which will be held June 28-30, is open to the public. Tickets for the all-day sessions on June 29 and 30, which will feature workshops and lectures on UFOs and the U.S. space program, cost $6 for each day and will be on sale at the door. The programs begin at 10 a.m. Astronaut Col. James B. Irwin will show films and give a lecture on June 29 and former captured U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers is scheduled to speak the following day. At the opening banquet on the night of June 28, the guest of honor will be actor William Shatner of the "Star Trek" television series. The banquet tickets, which cost $15 each, must be ordered by June 14 from UFO, P.O. Box 5, Van Nuys, Calif. 91401. You can get a $22 package deal, which will admit you to all the convention activities including the banquet, if you send your check in advance to the Van Nuys address.

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Australian Executive Describes Startling UFO Cases In Homeland

By DAVID BRANCH
and ROBERT B. KLINN

Recently we interviewed a top business executive from Australia, who gave us information about several startling UFO cases in his homeland. We shall call him Herbert Moody, because he insists that his real name not be used. He is active in politics in Australia, and he feels that if news of his avid interest in UFOs leaks out, his opponents in business and government might use it against him.

Moody has top industrial and military contacts in other countries as well as in Australia. When we spoke to him over dinner at the home of Mrs. Idabel E. Epperson, Southern California director for the international Mutual UFO Network, Moody had just arrived that afternoon from London with a business stopover in New York.

During dinner Moody related that he had seen and photographed a UFO, in early April, 1966 near his home in Victoria, Australia. The picture of a strange, half-sphere type object was never explained.

After dinner, Moody began relating details of another UFO event that had occurred the day after his own sighting. He had personally investigated the incident.

"This occurred at Westhall—that's to the east of Melbourne," Moody said. "Some children ran into a classroom run by a science master, whom I spoke to a couple of days later. The children were very hysterical and said, 'There's something strange in the field below the school.'

"So he went outside. And he saw what he thought was a Volkswagen in the field and then he saw that it was acting peculiar. It was bouncing up and down on the ground.

"He ran down with the children, and there was a physical education class outside also. And they ran down to the fence, too. And the teacher with the physical education class ran after them.

"And the teachers and about 40 to 50 children all saw this thing rise up in front of some pine trees. And it just moved around slowly circling about 500 or 600 feet up.

"At that point, two light airplanes approached it.

"The Moorabbin Airport was where they were from. And this is where the Royal Victorian Aeroclub is located, and they're always training over the area.

"And as the two airplanes from Moorabbin approached the object, it moved away. And as the witness described to me, the planes played cat and mouse with the UFO for about 15 minutes. And then three other airplanes arrived. And they chased this thing around for a good 20 minutes."

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"Were these military aircraft?" we asked.

Moody leaned back and took a sip of tea. "No, they were from the Aeroclub. Quite civilian—a lot of private planes there. The witness even got the numbers of some of the planes involved. But when he contacted the Aeroclub later, they denied any knowledge of the incident at all. If they see UFOs, they just put reports in to officials and say nothing about it. This is just like commercial airline pilots. The Aeroclub has a similar set of instructions.

"And the witness I spoke with said the UFO was obviously intelligently controlled somehow, because the planes could not catch it no matter how they crept up on it. If they moved one lot of planes up one end and a lot of others down the other, and then flew at it, it went straight up. And he said how the planes didn't crash together he doesn't know.

"After the end of these maneuvers, when the thing, disappeared, he said it looked like it got tired. It just disappeared.

"The headmaster, who had been in his study, came out after the incident. He got all of his staff together and said that if anybody spoke about it, they'd be dismissed immediately.

"The physical education teacher said that anytime he brought the matter up the headmaster wouldn't even speak about it. He'd just perspire and say nothing. The teacher said that this was ridiculous. He was scientifically trained. He was intrigued by what he had seen.

"Now this occurred during quite a major flap of sightings in Australia during April. My sighting seemed to be the major one to start with, and then this followed on. And during the flap there were rather bizarre sightings, which included another incident at the town of Hamilton."

NEXT WEEK: **The Amazing Hamilton Incident**

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UFOs continue Southeast 'tour'

KETCHIKAN, Alaska (AP)— Unidentified flying objects are continuing their tour of southeast Alaska, with Ketchikan residents reporting sightings Monday night.

The sightings brought to three the number reported since Friday, when a state trooper and state ferry employees told authorities they spotted a glowing object.

A Ketchikan physician and his family said they watched an object south of the city for about 10 minutes. The doctor said it was moving east to west at a high rate of speed, stopped suddenly, then reversed direction.

The physician described the object as disc-shaped. He said it made several "back and forth movements" and glowed from gray to red to bluish green, before fading from view in a southerly direction.

About an hour later, a group of people at the Ketchikan ferry termial said they saw another object low on the horison.

Coast Guard and Federal Aviation Administration officials said there were no reports of aircraft in the vicinity at the time.

FLARES IN THE SKY

Who Launched All The Red Lights?

San Jose, Calif. Mercury April 29, 1974

Those mystery red lights, observed in the sky over San Jose late Saturday night, apparently have been identified.

They were ordinary roadside emergency flares attached to transparent plastic balloons—and there were at least six of them, according to an amateur astronomer who happened to find himself at the right place at the right time.

While dozens of residents, anxious to report the strange lights, kept police and Mercury city desk phone lines busy, the astronomer, Brian Day, and several other amateurs viewed the entire event close up.

Day, 16, a junior at Pioneer High School, was offering a public demonstration with his eight-inch reflector telescope at about 10 p.m., when the unidentified objects were first reported.

The demonstration, sponsored by the San Jose Amateur Astronomers, of which Day is a member, was being held in a parking lot outside

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UFO Was 'Fright Of His Life'

By DAVID BRANCH and ROBERT B. KLINN

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is Part II of a recent exclusive interview with an Australian business executive who has extensively studied unidentified flying objects. Because of his top business position and high-level governmental sources, the executive has requested anonimity. This column refers to him as Herbert Moody.

"During the flap of April 1966," Moody said, "a building contractor was driving near Hamilton in Victoria, and he had the fright of his life.

"As he approached one spot on the highway, his car's headlight beams suddenly bent to the side of the road. His strong inclination was to turn the car in the direction of the headlight beams, following them. But instead he slammed on his brakes.

"He was startled to see, off to the side of the road, a UFO sitting on the ground. He did not stop but, after getting a good look, sped away. He was later interrogated by the Australian Air Force."

Moody had also personally investigated the case. "How many Air Force offices investigated the Hamilton incident?" we asked.

"Two. And according to the witness, the officers had an official book printed in America," Moody said. "The witness said that it appeared to him that there were at least 400 UFO pictures in it, a lot of them in color. He was asked to point out the shape which was similar to the one he saw parked in the field. The shape he pointed out was very similar to the photograph I took the same month. (Moody's picture shows a metallic-appearing, half-spherical shaped UFO with a protrusion on its flat side.)

"The thing the witness had seen, though, was glowing with a circle of lights coming out of the top of it. As he said, "It was rotating like a horseshoe going around the top—globs of lights of every color going around this 'horseshoe.' He said it was sparkling like mad.

"So he took one look, his headlights unbent, and he rocketed off down the road. And he went straight to the police station."

"About how far was the car from the object?" we asked.

Moody sipped tea and then paused before replying. "About 60 feet from it. It was very close to him.

"But a frightening aspect of the sighting is that on the previous night—at exactly the same spot where the witnesses' headlights had suddenly bent, almost causing him to swerve off the road—another motorist was killed. He ran his car off the road and into a tree."

We asked about the size of the UFO the witness had seen the following night about 60 feet from where a driver had been killed.

"He estimated it to be about 20 to 25 feet across the bottom," Moody said. "And that's exactly what I estimated the size to be of the one I photographed."

Moody then gave us some details of his own sighting.

"After examining my photograph, the CSIRO (Commonwealth Scientific Industrial Reseach Organization) confirmed that they thought the object was 20-25 feet in diameter. Following my sighting, they aerially surveyed the whole area. The Department of Civil Aviation supplied the aircraft. And the photographic experts, who came and measured everything in the area, worked out that the UFO was about 400 yards away and 300 feet up, which put it over a near by school. That's where I thought it was, too.

"Scientific and military experts drew all these things out of the photograph. They spent a lot of time and money doing it. There was an air vice marshal involved in the investigation. He was a pretty down-to-earth sort of fellow and very well known in Australia. And he told me that he had seen a UFO some years ago from an aircraft that he had been flying.

"Officials told me that my sighting was unexplained," Moody said. "But publicly the Australian Air Force tries to explain these things away. Or else they ignore them entirely."

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San Jose, Calif. Mercury News

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Mystery Lights Over San Jose

Two mystery lights were observed in the sky over San Jose at about 10 p.m. Saturday night and disappeared almost as quickly as they appeared.

Though a Federal Aviation Administration tower controller at San Jose Airport confirmed sighting of at least one of the red-to-orange-colored lights, there was no explanation offered which could be verified.

Phone calls were received at the Mercury city desk from some 35 to 50 excited callers, who all reported seeing the lights.

Most of the callers said that the lights hovered for five to eight minutes over the Almaden Valley area and then descended in the direction of Mount Umunhum.

Robert Long, FAA controller in the San Jose Airport Tower, said he and a trainee observed one of the lights at about 10 p.m., and continued watching it until it disappeared, some time between 10:05 and 10:08 p.m.

Long said he spoke with an official at the FAA's Oakland radar station, which sweeps the San Jose area, and was informed that the objects did not appear on the radar.

The possibility that the objects were weather balloons from Moffett Field Naval Air Station was discarded after an operations officer there reported that no balloons had been luanched recently.

San Jose police also reported receiving several calls from curious residents.

Red Lights: Who Sent Them Up?

the K-Mart Discount Store, 890 Blossom Hill Road.

"We were offering spectators a look at Saturn and the moon, when we suddenly saw these red objects coming up," said Day, who lives at 1475 Koch Lane.

At first sighting, Day said, each of the approximately 10 members on hand immediately trained their telescopes on the objects.

"At first, we could see only the red lights. But then, when the unidentified objects passed in front of the moon, we could see that the flares were carried aloft by transparent balloons," Day recalled.

Some of the flares were suspended by two ballons, Day said.

He speculated that the balloons were of inexpensive quality and that the apparatus was possibly homemade.

Following a flight of five to eight minutes, the balloons burst, one at a time, and fell to the ground near the southern city limits.

"They seemed to come up in pairs," Day said. "We could see them sharp and clear through our telescopes."

Shortly after the red lights were observed, residents began telephoning police and the San Jose Airport tower to report the unusual sightings and to ask about them. The Mercury city desk also received about 50 phone inquiries.

Most of those who phoned reported seeing two red lights.

One male caller said the lights seemed to disappear in the area of Mount Umunhum, which coincides with the report of Day and his fellow astronomers.

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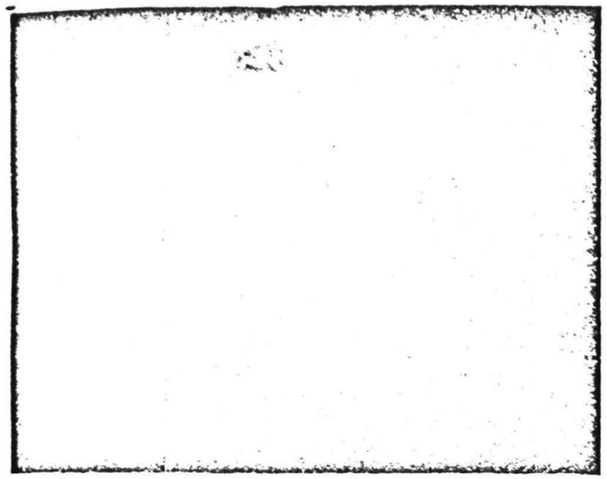
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Earlier Saturday, several persons phoned the city desk to report having seen similar red lights over the valley on Friday night.

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Are UFOs taking a look at Dallas-Fort Worth airport?



UFO SIGHTING?—The tiny light appearing in a twisting pattern in this photo is a UFO which Mrs. Sandra Hodgson of Grapevine says is keeping watch on the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.



FOUR OF THE FIVE witnesses who say they have seen numerous UFOs taking off at night from a remote western area of the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport point to the spot they say one of them landed in a clearing in the woods.

By BILL CASE
Times Herald Metropolitan Staff

Are Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) and their crews maintaining regular observation vigils on a hill along the west boundaries of the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport at night?

Five witnesses from three families have told airport officials and Federal Aviation Administration officers they believe something like that may be happening.

All report numerous UFO takeoff sightings and extremely low level flights westward away from the airport during the hours of darkness between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. The flights occurred during the last six to eight months, they said.

Mrs. Sandra Hodgson, 36, a medical technician employed at Irving Community Hospital, who lives in an apartment complex at 2805 Mustang Drive, Grapevine, told The Times Herald she has had numerous sightings en route home from work.

"After sighting the lights, which seem to travel and hover at just about tree-top level, on several nights I reported the UFOs to the FAA control tower at D-FW Airport and to George Burledge at the FAA's Fort Worth regional headquarters," she said.

"They advised me to try and get a picture of one so I got out my camera on Thursday night and, when a UFO appeared east of our apartment building about 200 yards away, I took a shot."

Mrs. Hodgson's picture shows a small jagged twisting yellow light against a pitch black sky. No size or shape of the object is discernable. However, it appears to be moving west from left to right in the classic patterns of the UFO flights away from D-FW airport.

Fascinated by the phenomenon. Mrs. Hodgson said one night last week while watching the unusual lights she and a friend, Debbie Carter, 17, who lives in the same apartment complex, got in their car and followed it.

"It stopped down a small road over a patch of woods about a mile east of us and beamed a strong white searchlight down into a clearing," she said.

"When we got there the light was still hovering in the air over a clearing where a Mexican-American family live in a converted construction building."

Mrs. Hodgson and Miss Carter said they found Mr. and Mrs. Lucio Perez and his brother, Leonardo Perez, standing in the clearing looking up at the light.

Perez, who does not speak English, took Mrs. Hodgson's photo of the UFO and pointed to the same place in the sky where she and Miss Carter said they saw the object with its searchlight hovering directly over them."

He also indicated with gestures the UFO lights appeared to be coming from the field at the edge of the airport. The point they indicated where the lights took off is on a hill providing a panoramic view of the entire airport.

Reporters who trudged through high grass and weeds to the fence line reported they found a circular area of grass and weeds about 20 feet in diameter twisted down in a clockwise pattern. It appeared something had set down on them.

Mrs. Hodgson, who said many of her neighbors have seen the lights but do not like to discuss them, believes occupants of the UFOs are attempting to contact humans on earth.

"But judging from accounts of the way people have acted toward UFOs and their occupants in other sightings elsewhere, I guess they feel we are hostile," she said. "But I'd give anything to contact them."

The only noise Mrs. Hodgson said she has heard during a sighting was a hum similar to that of an electric generator.

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UFOs generate public interest and discussion

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UFOS and the possibility of life on other planets are once again bedeviling the public's imagination as a new show, "Mother Won't Let Me Ride In A Flying Saucer" opens tonight at the Museum of Science Space Transit Planetarium.

Research from both scientists and laymen offer startling and unsettling facts.

In a recent lecture before an audience of UFO enthusiasts in Surfside, UFO expert Guillermo Aldunati of Rosario, Argentina, documented case after case of UFO sightings, extraterrestial contacts, teleportation and supernatural radioactive mushrooms.

Famous cases centered between 1962 and 1965 with a rash of sightings in 1968.

In one incident, local police in Rosario, a city near Buenos Aires, reported saucers flying over their station. In 1966, the Argentine navy claimed UFO'S dived and surfaced off the bow of a cruiser near Patagonia in southern Argentina.

The most spectacular encounters with spacemen were reports of tall, blonde blue-eyed beings living in a small town close to Chile in northwestern Argentina. Gauchos, the country's version of American cowboys, claim they have seen such people for the past twenty five years.

The theory is, according to A.O.A., an association of UFO observers which Aldunati heads, that spacemen have several bases in Argentina and that the numbers of invaders are growing.

Roby Yonge, WMYQ personality, and W. Kent Tomlinson, chairman of the Awareness Research Foundation which sponsored the lecture, believe the sightings are somehow connected with the strange disappearances reported in the Devil's Triangle near Andros Island and the massive carvings found on Easter Island.

It is possible the alien beings are in league with the long lost civilization of Atlantis which is rumored to lie beneath the Devil's Triangle, says Tomlinson. But for what purpose, no one knows for sure.

PERENNIAL NONBELIEVER DR. CONDON STILL SAYS 'NO' TO UFO'S

By DAVID BRANCH

and ROBERT B. KLINN

Although over 15 million Americans believe that they have seen unidentified flying objects (UFOs), one famous physicist at the University of Colorado says that they are all mistaken. Dr. Edward U. Condon, writing last month to readers of the "National Enquirer" newspaper, stated that when "UFO reports and photos are not faked and can be tracked down, they always turn out to be sightings of a natural phenomenon."

Condon thus maintains a staunchly anti-UFO attitude first expressed eight years ago during his days as head of the Air Force-funded University of Colorado UFO study—an attitude responsible for hindered research and decreased news coverage of UFO's for the last 5 years. For in his influential final report, released in January, 1969, Condon concluded that "nothing has come from the study of UFOs during the past 21 years . . ." and "further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified...." ("The Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects," Bantam: New York, 1969, p. 1.)

An examination of the Condon Report itself, however, indicates that Condon's recent statements are in disagreement with facts discovered by his own Colorado Project staff. If UFO reports "always turn out to be sightings of a natural phenomenon," one might ask, why did the Condon Project fail to explain 30 per cent of the total number of cases it examined?

Condon also stated in last month's letter: "I undertook a thorough investigation of the many reported sightings of UFOs." The Condon committee actually looked at only about 100 UFO cases—a small fraction of the estimated (at that time) 5 million total sightings; or the over 10,000 reports in Air Force files.

The physicist also wrote: "The Condon Report shows that in no case was there any evidence to support...(the) out-of-space theory."

One wonders why Dr. Condon did not mention Case 2 in his letter. This dramatic event involved a combination radar-visual tracking of a UFO at Lakenheath, England, August 13-14, 1956. An unknown object outmanuevered and flew faster than pursuing jet aircraft. The Condon Report concluded: "In summary, this is the most puzzling and unusual case in the radar-visual files. The apparently rational, intelligent behavior of the UFO suggests a mechanical device of unknown origin as the most probable explanation of this sighting." (Condon Report, p. 164.)

Or one can cite Case 46 (pp. 396-407)—the famous McMinnville, Oregon photographs of a disc-shaped object, taken May 11, 1950. The Condon analyst concluded: "...all factors investigated, geometric, psychological and physical appear to be consistent with the assertion that an extraordinary flying object, silvery, metallic, disk-shaped, tens of meters in diameter, and evidently artificial, flew within sight of two witnesses." (p. 407.)

(In the light of such evidence, one scientist commented: "I seriously wonder if Dr. Condon read his own report before writing his conclusions.")

Condon further stated in his letter to the "Enquirer" that "when people do witness an actual event, their descriptions of it vary so widely that they cannot be used as scientific proof of that event."

Again an incident in the Condon report contradicts this remark. Case 18 (pp. 300-305) details investigation of descriptions of objects known to have been hot-air balloons. The Condon staff concluded that a "comparison of the event as described by the launchers with the reports of accidental witnesses reveals obvious similarities regarding size, shape, color, and relative positions of the objects...the degree of similarity between the reports is noteworthy, especially since times of observations and locations of observers were not the same...In summary, we have a number of reports that are highly consistent with one another...."

One of the most puzzling and perhaps revealing statements that Condon made in his letter is that the Air Force has "spent a minimal amount of time on the (UFO) problem during the past 4 or 5 years." Officially, the Air Force has spent no time on UFOs. One wonders if the "minimal" time referred to by Condon is an inadvertent admission of suspected secret research projects.

Two questions remain unanswered: in light of the high percentage of unexplained UFO cases in the Condon Report, including three sightings by American astronauts, why did Condon conclude that there is no reason to conduct further research? And why does Dr. Condon, five years after release of his report, continue to issue statements at variance with known facts about UFOs?

Nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman, an internationally known UFO authority, states: "Condon's contribution to the University of Colorado study was certainly negative and his actions since the publication of the study even more so."

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UFO Sighted At Ash Grove

Friday, May 3, 1974.

– The Joplin Globe, Mo.

ASH GROVE, Mo. — Local and area law enforcement officers Thursday night were investigating reports of an unidentified flying object, which was seen in the sky in the Ash Grove area.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sparks, Ash Grove, reported the sighting to the Lawrence County sheriff's office at 8 p.m. Thursday. Sparks told officers that the UFO appeared to be oblong with an orange glow.

The UFO traveled east from Ash Grove, came back and then headed east again, Sparks told investigating officers.

The Greene County sheriff's office said it checked with the Springfield Weather Bureau and was told that there were no weather balloons in the area.

Ash Grove is situated on the Lawrence - Greene County line east of Mount Vernon.

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PAUL HARVEY NEWS

Checking UFO Reports

If you should see a flying saucer tonight; if it lands on your lawn and you see and talk to the "little green men" and you ask permission to take a picture of them and their vehicle and they say yes and then you do—will you let me know?

I doubt it.

Think about it. If you see a flying saucer and visit with its occupants, whom do you tell who won't think you're drunk or balmy?

I posed this question among professional observers — professional reporters—and they were not sure what they'd do.

Jeff Greenshaw saw and photographed and showed and told—and he's sorry he did. Jeff was a policeman in Falkville, Ala., who photographed a mysterious silvery creature walking along a rural road.

In the weeks since, he's been fired from his job; his family was harassed until his wife left him; then somebody burned his house down.

There are fewer UFO reports now than during the rash of them in the 1960's, but the credibility of witnesses is greater now. Those reporting include lawmen, airmen, architects, scholars.

Senator Barry Goldwater has never seen a flying saucer, but he believes in them because so many responsible observers have—air force pilots, navy pilots, airline pilots.

Airline pilots are not reporting them anymore. Several have told me that "there are too many forms to fill out" and too much chance that their professional employment records will thereafter include an implication of "crackpot."



Paul Harvey

That's why the Northwestern University astronomer, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who has been fascinated by the subject for 20 years, urges establishment of a government clearing-house under NASA to properly sift and evaluate reports.

NASA is admittedly interested in the possibilities of life on other planets; this is a logical extension of that.

The chairman of the astronomy department at Ohio State, Dr. Arnold Slettebak, says "We are now 'visiting' other planets; we dare not deny the possibility that earth is being visited."

CR: LOU FARISH →

UFOs that dematerialize before observers' eyes

By
J. Allen Hynek

NEW YORK — The possibility that there are civilizations galore scattered throughout our galaxy of 150 billion suns has excited the imaginations of millions.

Have we been visited by representatives of those civilizations in the past? Are we being visited now? Can we communicate with them? Or are they trying in their own way to communicate with us? And if so, what methods, unknown to us, might they be trying — perhaps with as little success as if we tried to communicate with Stone Age men by radio?

Perhaps the entire Unidentified Flying Objects phenomenon, so perplexing to us, is in itself a form of communication we haven't caught onto yet. Maybe it is time we tried.

The many thousands of UFO reports from over the world baffle us. We have no explanation for them. Many have been made by very credible people, persons of considerable training whose testimony in other circumstances would be unquestioned.

Over the past 20 years, I have found that my best reports on UFO phenomena come from air-traffic controllers, pilots, radar technicians, police officers and other persons in responsible positions. It is illogical that while we disregard their testimony on this subject, impugning their very integrity — even their sanity — we often continue to place our welfare and our lives in their hands.

Explanations of the truly puzzling UFO cases by conventional, ordinary means — that they were misperceptions of planets, aircraft, meteors, balloons, etc. — fail miserably to account for the closely studied, truly puzzling "close encounter" cases: the true unidentified flying objects.

Anyone who is really familiar with the cumulative UFO evidence of today, who has actually rolled up his sleeves and dug into the facts, can no longer accept the pontifical rejections of those who know little about the subject.

We *have* a UFO phenomenon. What does that mean? Many people jump to the conclusion that UFOs represent actual nuts-and-bolts hardware from some other civilization.

Yet there is much evidence against this. UFO "craft" appear in some cases to violate well-established physical laws. They take off at prodigious speeds but without producing sonic booms. They make exceedingly sharp turns, involving accelerations no living matter could stand. They can change shape and form while being observed, and some have been reported to dematerialize before the observer's eyes. Nuts-and-bolts hardware, as we know it, cannot do this.

Are these then perhaps some sort of holograph — that is, three-dimensional — images, implanted in our consciousness by other intelligences? If so, why?

For the moment, let us give free rein to our imaginations. The very best UFO reports, corroborated by several witnesses and often by radar observations and photographs, indicate some sort of intelligence, or at least intelligent behavior. But is that intelligence directing the phenomenon here on earth or from afar? Are UFOs perhaps robot devices either with built-in intelligence or directed by distant intelligence?

If we continue to let our imaginations ride free — and why stop here? — let us assume that such intelligences may have followed quite a different evolutionary path from ours. In the past half-century or so, we have learned to communicate by radio and television. Today we'd find it rather difficult to return to smoke signals. Perhaps radio is to them as smoke signals would be to us: a slow and inefficient way of communicating.

Yet National Aeronautics and Space Administration scientists and others insist that since radio signals are the natural way to communicate, listening to them is the best way to detect the presence of other civilizations in space. But is it? For one thing, it is a very slow method: years must elapse before a two-way communication could be established.

In some instances it would be a case of the long-since-dead talking to the not-yet-born. Radio as a way of communicating could have been discarded by other civilizations when man was still in the Stone Age.

We have made great technical strides, but there are stars — presumably solar systems — that are millions, not just hundreds of years older than we are.

Just how would civilizations millions of years more advanced communicate? In Ben Franklin's day, it was impossible to communicate by radio. So perhaps there are other methods of communication still known only to the distant future.

How about projected and materialized thought waves, for instance? Could civilizations in distant space beam down a message — or a UFO — in a manner much like those portrayed in Star Trek? We shall certainly learn of things in the distant future that are impossible to even conceive of today.

Suppose, then, that the whole UFO phenomenon is an advanced communication about which we know nothing. Perhaps are places UFOs are seen, the times they are seen and their appearance represent a key or a code of communication we are too stupid to interpret, preferring to ridicule rather than to think.

UFOs have yet to be studied in a truly scientific fashion, the U.S. Air Force's $500,000 Condon Report notwithstanding. Indeed, the Condon Report, which concluded that no alien craft had been sighted, demonstrated that the problem truly existed — more than a quarter of the cases it examined were left unexplained.

What is needed is a sustained effort to understand what is going on — to separate the sense from the nonsense and to study the interesting patterns presented in UFO reports the world over.

NASA is spending millions to find out whether there are bacteria on Mars. Might it not be wise to spend at least one per cent of that money to examine the UFO phenomenon in an imaginative and challenging way? We might find a message in the UFO phenomenon — perhaps the UFO is the message!

(Newsday)

Dr. Hynek is chairman of the astronomy department of Northwestern University and director of the Lindheimer Research Centre. He was a long-time consultant to the U.S. Air Force in its Blue Book Project on UFO phenomena, and is the author of The UFO Experience, published in 1972.

Vancouver Sun (Undated)

Residents sight UFO's

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SHERIDAN — A total of 14 unidentified flying objects have been sighted in Sheridan County since March 12.

Dr. Kenneth Ohm, professor of astronomy at Sheridan College said he is serving as a type of clearing house for the sighting reports.

The sightings have been made by "very reliable people, but they have a reluctance to reveal their identities, therefore those who have seen UFO's are invited to call me and describe what they have seen, Ohm said.

He said that he then compares the time, location, and description of the sightings so they can tell the people if anyone else has seen what they saw.

It appears that about six of these sightings can be attributed to the star Sirius, which is very bright in the western sky about 8:30 or 9 p.m., Ohm said.

Ohm added there was a lot of turbulence surrounding the star, with the refraction causing a great variation in color.

Ohm knows of no natural phenomenon which could account for the other sightings.

Ohm said the sightings range from a "nebulosity," to a round white very intense light with an orange center.

All of the sightings have been seen by more than one person, and Ohm said two or three sightings have been made by separate parties at the same time.

The sightings have been in the early morning and late dusk and at night, and have been reported north, south, and east of Sheridan.

Ohm said he had not seen any of the UFO's himself, but that he was trying to get as many descriptions as possible in an attempt to establish the source or cause of the sightings.

He said that this series of sightings is unusual in that there were a number of sightings of the same object and that even prior to publication each sighting was experienced by more than one individual.

NEW ZEALAND RESIDENT CLAIMS GLOWING UFO BUZZED HIS AUTO

By DAVID BRANCH
and ROBERT B. KLINN

"There I was alone in the middle of the night on a very lonely road with this thing following me," Eric Marks said. Marks is a resident of Auckland, New Zealand.

"It's the most frightening experience I've ever gone through." Marks recently related details of his encounter with a UFO to John Giles of the Auckland, New Zealand "Sunday News." The witness' experience occurred during a rash of UFO sightings, which began about Feb. 17, 1974, and lasted more than a week.

"I was going down a steep hill, but it felt as though something was holding the car back," Marks explained.

"I put my foot flat to the boards but the car wouldn't go over 45 miles an hour. The ...(UFO) must have been exerting some type of force field ...but at the bottom of the hill I was able to accelerate away at top speed."

The motorist said that his car would normally be able to reach 90 miles per hour.

"As I went past Warkworth, I saw this bright glow travel at great speed towards the east," he said. "Then it started moving towards me. When I got to Dome Valley, the object was exceptionally close, but it was still impossible for me to judge the distance.

"If it was a huge craft—say 100 feet across—then it was quite a distance off. But if it was small, then it was very close to me.

"It was like a flat plate with a bell-shaped dome on it. I was nervous...terrified to be more exact." The dome was orange, Marks reports.

"The bell shape of the object glowed like a million car lights and the...(UFO) itself appeared to be suspended on many pencil rays of bright white light beamed towards the ground. The whole object was only a short distance above the ground and as I kept moving, it followed me.

"As I approached Wellsford, a short line of cars came around a corner and the ...(UFO) took off at a fast rate.

"But it was bloody uncanny...as soon as those cars disappeared, it came back again...it seemed to have some special attraction towards me or my car."

When Marks arrived at Warkworth, he awoke a friend to witness the sighting. But the object didn't come close enough to be seen clearly again that night. Marks, however decided to try to see the object again.

On several successive nights he drove to the same area. And the UFO was seen each time. Clouds hampered visibility several times, but he had three more positive sightings of the object.

"It was very clear and very frightening," he repeated.

Marks, before making these sightings, thought the UFO subject was nonsense. Now he believes strongly that he saw a space ship. "I've been able to make out the shape on three or four occasions now," he says. "What other explanation is there?"

A Wellsford, New Zealand businessman, who witnesed part of one of the sightings, has been interviewed. He reported glimpsing a "very, very bright light, bigger than a star." He had been alerted to the object by Marks, who had seen it while it was closer. "Eric came in and was shaking all over," the man said. "He was a very frightened man...whatever he saw, it was vivid."

One of New Zealand's leading UFO researchers, Captain Bruce Cathie, an airline pilot, is impressed with the quality and number of recent observations of UFOs in New Zealand.

"People in three different areas called me about the same time Mr. Marks would have made his sightings," Captain Cathie said.

"It shows there must have been something around. There have also been quite a few sightings by radar as well."

Eric Marks intends to return to the area of his sightings as frequently as possible, but with a camera. "There's no doubt in my mind," he states, "that it was a spaceship that I saw...the full dish shape and bright orange dome. There is no other explanation for it...obviously, there is life somewhere else."

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Flurry Of UFO Sightings Startle Pennsylvanians

The Continuing UFO

By DAVID BRANCH and
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It was 12:55 a.m., March 23. Two officers for the Pennsylvania State Game Commission were patrolling in Hanover Township. Suddenly the men saw, at an estimated distance from their vehicle of 300 yards, a glowing cigar-shaped object. They later described the unidentified flying object (UFO) as "like a giant fusalage"—six times the length of their car.

The men strained to hear if the UFO was making any sound. They heard none. But the object emitted a pulsating light towards the ground.

This dramatic account by credible witnesses is only one of numerous sightings made recently in Pennsylvania—as well as in several other states and foreign countries.

A number of the accounts have involved cigar or football-shaped objects, discs, mysterious lights, and apparent electro-magnetic effects produced by the UFOs.

On Jan. 28, for example, two witnesses at Sewickley, near Pittsburgh, reported seeing an especially large silver cigar-shaped UFO which dropped to about 150 feet above trees before moving out of sight. A bright light, along with a red light, were at the front of the UFO; a single brilliant light was at the rear. The object was seen at 10:30 p.m.

One of the witnesses, familiar with various types of aircraft, called the control tower of the Greater Pittsburgh Airport. There were no airplanes of any type in the area of the sighting.

The previous day, at about 2:00 a.m., a number of persons driving on the Pennsylvania Turnpike said that they had observed UFOs. And the description of at least one witness, near Irwin, Pa., was very similar to the UFO sighted at Sewickley.

The observer, a lone woman driver, became nearly hysterical after the event. She first saw two bright lights in the sky. They looked like automobile headlights. But suddenly they disappeared. Then, just as abruptly, they reappeared at her level, apparently relatively close to her car.

The bright lights shone down towards the highway. They appeared to be mounted, along with red light, on a dark shape.

The noiseless object effortlessly kept pace with the automobile now exceeding 60 m.p.h. But the most frightening aspect of the event was that as the UFO flew close to the car, the auto lost power. The driver feared that the car was going to stall. Eventually the object streaked away, and the automobile operated normally again.

Another case including the often-reported electro-magnetic effects, occurred a month and a half later in West Newton, Pa. At 8:30 p.m., on March 18, a motorist on a deserted back road observed a group of lights in the sky ahead.

The clustered lights, which may have been attached to a single object, suddenly dove out of the sky towards the witness.

They appeared to come within 12 inches of the auto's top. They continued to move over the roof of the car until they were out of sight.

The man said that as the mysterious lights closed in, his car radio was drowned out with static. His car's headlights also became dim. He also noted that his ampmeter indicated that his battery had completely discharged. His gauge showed "—40." But the car did not stop.

As the witness continued driving, however, he suddenly noticed a strange physiological effect. He grew abnormally tired, so much so that he could barely keep from falling asleep. He in fact did hit a guard rail as a result of his sudden drowsiness—something he had never experienced before.

One of the most detailed sightings in Pennsylvania was made a month earlier, at 12:55 a.m., Feb. 7. A motorist driving between Woodale and Laurelville, off of Route 982, reported a disc-shaped UFO. The object was about 30 feet in diameter, above a field at an altitude of 150 feet, and about 100 feet from the witness. The UFO had a solid white top. Red, green and blue lights shone on he bottom. A humming sound was heard, and a strong "chemical" odor was noted. (The above-mentioned Pennsylvania UFO sightings are detailed by Stan Gordon, Mutual UFO Network State Director for Pennsylvania, in the May issue of MUFON's publication, "Skylook.")

On March 18, another unidentified disc was reported, this time from Fairbanks, Alaska. A physician and his family say that they observed the UFO to the south of the city, moving rapidly from east to west. At one point the saucer stopped abruptly, and then reversed direction. It made several back-and-forth movements. The high-speed UFO glowed from red to gray to bluish-green before disappearing to the south.

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'Space Ball' Made On Earth—Navy

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The United States Navy says a mystery sphere found by the Antoine Betz family is only a stainless-steel ball made somewhere on earth. But the object's discoverers won't give up the notion that it's from outer space.

"Maybe we've just become over-attached to it, but the ball is odd and even the navy called it a Mexican jumping bean," Mrs. Betz said Sunday. "Who could say what's on another planet? Even speculations have been proven wrong. The navy says what it isn't. They say it isn't an explosive. So we still want to know what it is."

Mrs. Betz said an expert from Omega Minus One, a research firm based in Baton Rouge, La., examined the sphere for about six hours Saturday. "He found radio waves coming from it and a magnetic field around it."

The family said the 22-pound object appeared one day recently outside their home on Fort George Island. The sphere moves strangely and, when rolled away, comes back, they say.

Navy spokesman Chris Berninger said the sphere is hollow with a one-half-inch shell of high-grade but common stainless steel. It is eight inches in diameter with no seams and only one small triangular mark on the outside.

Inside the sphere, tiny beads of residue from the manufacturing process roll around and make noise, he said.

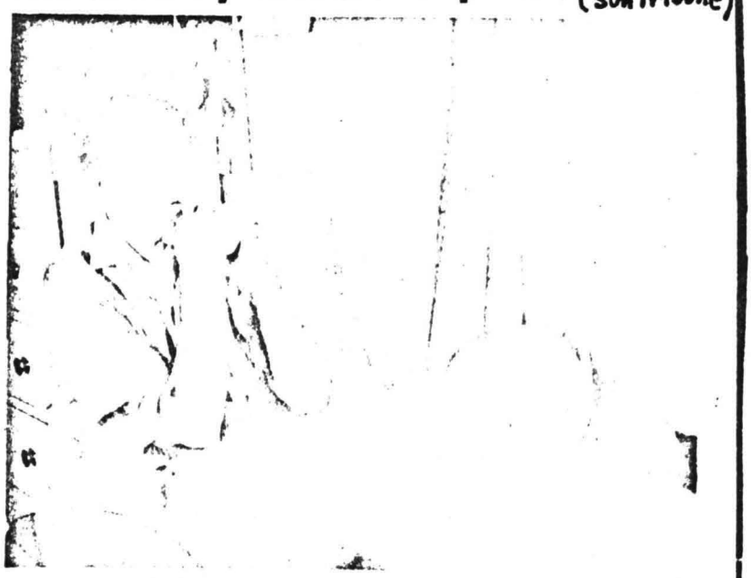
Berninger said the navy's first X-ray attempts failed because the machine wasn't strong enough to penetrate steel, but two subsequent tests showed the contents of the globe.

"I don't know who manufactured it, but I say it came from earth," he said. "We do know it is not an explosive and presents no hazard."

Berninger conceded that the sphere did move at the Betz house. "I believe it's because of the construction of the house. It's old and has uneven stone floors. The ball is almost perfectly balanced and it takes just a little indentation to make it move or change direction."

Florida's Mystery Steel Ball Rivalled By Sutherlin Sphere

April 25-74 Sutherlin Oregon (Sun Tribune)



Do you recall the news stories last week about a seamless stainless steel ball that was found in Florida, and that has the experts puzzled as to what it is or where it came from?

Well Sutherlin too has a steel ball of murky origin. This one belongs to Ernie Hicks who found it at extreme low tide in Bellingham Bay in 1938. Hicks reckoned the ball had been in the water for about 30 years, but had no rust on it, and no plant or animal life lived within 10 feet of it, he said. Hicks took the ball home for his kids to play with, but after it had been left in the yard through the winter and no rust had formed on the spere he began to get serious about it.

The seamless ball is about nine and a half inches in diameter and weighs about 33 pounds. The ball has been bored and a plug inserted in each side. Inside the ball, which can hold nine pints, is about a gallon of liquid. The liquid is described as diamond blue in color, but when shaken it turns black, and takes about 20 minutes to return to the blue color. The liquid has been tested and tests as pure water. Hicks is certain the ball was never made in the U.S. as there is no name or serial number on the sphere. He said he talked to two foundry men in the 1950's who told him it would cost about $ 300 to produce a sphere like his, and each would have to be made from a new mold.

Hicks had never discovered what this ball is for, where it was made, or why, although he has had several tests conducted. So this simple ball remains one of Sutherlin's major mysteries. Only The Shadow Knows.....

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Whining Steel Ball Called Man-made 'Chinese Puzzel'

CHICAGO (UPI) — A whining 22-pound stainless steel ball found in a remote area of Florida appears to be a man-made "Chinese puzzle," Dr. J. Allen Hynek said Monday.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, head of Northwestern University's Astronomy Department and a widely known watcher of unidentified flying objects, returned home Sunday night from New Orleans, where he and four other colleagues studied the ball found near Jacksonville, Fla. about three weeks ago.

"All of us agreed that the ball provided us with no evidence to think it was extraterrestial," Dr. Hynek said.

Its origin, he said, probably would not be known until scientists could cut into the ball.

Hynek said the ball obeys the laws of gravity, has no odor, gives off a high pitched sound when shaken and has an outer shell of stainless steel.

"It had no mystical properties that we could attribute to it while testing,' Dr. Hynek said. "It's a Chinese puzle — a brain teaser."

Dr. Hynek said he did not think it was a hoax.

'The boy who found the ball found it in a remote, swampy area where very few people ever go," he said. "It was intended to be a hoax, I'd expect the ball to turn up where people are likely to be."

Dr. Hynek said it would be a lot of fun if a series of tests could be run on the ball. Some interesting experiments could be devised in an effort to learn a lot more about it, he said.

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He stated in his book that in Australia, three or five balls (I've forgotten) were found out in the desert by Aborigines and turned over to authorities who had scientists check them out. They varied in diameter from five inches to 11 inches and also were hollow.

He stated that they also made a strange buzzing or humming sounds and had a movement of their own when placed on a flat surface. They were found at different locations. He also stated that an attempt was made to drill one with a high-quality steel drill, and failed.

It would appear to be quite an expensive hoax to pull.

DON C. WILSON
Williams

OTHER BALLS 4/15
Dear Sir,

The Courier article and picture of Terry Matthews' mysterious stainless steel ball brings to mind an article I read in John Keel's last paperback book. Keel is a researcher of unusual phenomena and UFOs.

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ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Thurs., April 18, 1974. • 29A

Flying Saucer Panel to View Sphere Found on an Island

LANTANA, Fla. (UPI)—A stainless steel sphere described as possessing properties possibly not of this earth will be examined by a panel of flying saucer fans. The United States Navy says it is just a big ball bearing.

The 21-pound object, the size of a bowling ball, was found last week on 20 acres of land belonging to Mrs. Jeri Betz of Fort George Island, 15 miles north of Jacksonville. She said the ball was "like a giant Mexican jumping bean," that seemed to have something inside that caused it to roll in strange concentric patterns.

She said Navy investigators X-raed it and found it had smaller spheres inside.

Dog Whimpers, Covers Its Ears

Mrs. Betz said that when her dog was put near it the animal whimpered and covered its ears, as dogs did when they heard sounds above the frtquency of the human ear. This led to some speculation that the ball emitted sounds above the frequency of cies.

However, Navy metallurgist Fred Thomas of the Jacksonville Naval Air Station said in a report Tuesday that the ball was hollow and was empty.

Thomas said in his report that he thought the sphere was a giant ball bearing used as a check valve in the piping systems of chemical plants.

He said the ball weighed 21.34 pounds, was nearly eight inches in diameter and was made of a stainless steel alloy with a thickness of half an inch. His report made no mention of any erratic behavior when the object was rolled, and no mention of any ultrasonic emissions. He found it to be neither radioactive nor explosive.

The ball was flown here Tuesday to the offices of the National Enquirer weekly newspaper, which announced it would be taken to New Orleans this week end for examination by five scientists. The newspaper was sponsoring a meeting there on unidentified flying objects.

UPDATE

These are follow-ups on news stories of continuing interest.

Experiences With UFO's Still Real to Believer

Charles Hickson is not only still sticking to his story that he and a friend were floated aboard an unidentified flying object last October and examined by three pointed-eared, crab-claw-handed space creatures, but he says the spaceship has visited him three times since then and given him a message for Washington.

The 43-year-old Hickson, of Pascagoula, Miss., received nationwide attention last year when he and Calvin Parker, 20, told authorities they were taken aboard a 20-foot-wide UFO while they were on a fishing trip.

Authorities in Pascagoula will admit only that "something terrible" happened to Hickson and Parker.

But Hickson has since said that he has proof the spaceship has returned and that "they made my mind blank again." Hickson said he is not ready to reveal the message he says the spacemen gave him but that he plans to tell Washington about it sometime. Parker, who was hospitalized for nervous exhaustion after the incident, has left Pascagoula.

Hickson has told his story on national television programs, including the Dick Cavett Show on ABC and To Tell the Truth, and has been interviewed by many publications. He also met recently with Erich von Daniken, whose novels expound the theory that the earth was visited by spaceships in early times.

Recently, Pascagoula had another report of an unidentified something—this time an underwater object "about the size of a No. 3 washtub" that emitted an amber light. The object was reported by Rayme Ryan, who was fishing with his son in Mississippi Sound when they spotted the underwater glow. Two coast guardsmen confirmed Ryan's account, but the investigation was dropped after their commander rejected the story.

Another Pascagoula man is reported to be making a record album in which he says he knows where the spaceships Hickson says he saw came from and that two American presidents have had contact with UFO's.

CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES

This is the latest listing of reports received from the CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES. We would like to thank Director, Dr. J. Allen Hynek for sending it to us.

YOUR CLIPPINGS of newspaper items are very welcome. We apologise here for being generally unable to acknowledge these items as the pressure of work on our tiny staff and on our postage resources is too great. However, please do not be deterred by this seeming lack of courtesy. We really do appreciate anything you care to send.

UFO CENTRAL---MAY 1974

Date		Witnesses	TYPE
3	Danville, IL	1	NL
3	Flagstaff, AZ	1	CE, cigar shaped
3	Danville, IL	1	NL
5	Durand, OK	2	NL
6	Boise, ID	1	NL
7	Ft. Collins, CO	5	NL (determined to be meteor)
9	Lakeport, CA	2	NL
12	Beaumont, TX	25	Object in morning sky
12	Cocoa Beach,FL	2	NL
12	Northfield, IL	1	NL
13	Huntington Beach, CA	1	Object crashed through roof of house
14	Montgomery, AL	1	NL
14	Joliet, IL	1	NL
16	Hendersonville, TN	1	CE
21	Mercer Island, WA	3	NL
23	Effingham, IL	3	CE-telephone affected
22	Sheboygan, WI	1	NL
22	Cudahy, WI	1	NL
25	Keyport, N.J.	1	NL - probably plane
25	Torrence, CA	1	NL
26	Lincoln PK., MI	1	NL
26	Manhattan, KS	3	NL/police observed
26	Clinton, CT	2	CE/ electrical power interrupted, police
30	Burlingame, CA	3	CE-object
31	Sante Fe, N.M.	7	DD
31	Marshall, MI	8	NL

NOTE: Under TYPE of sighting: NL - Nocturnal Lights
DD - Daylight Disc
CE - Close Encounter

CR: Skylook
St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada
Evening Telegram APR 26, 1974

CANADA

UFO reported

An unidentified flying object (UFO) described as a "big, orange, glowing ball" which resembled an airplane on fire was recently observed by several people in the St. John's area a couple of weeks ago.

"It scared the wits out of me," said Mrs. Wilfred Boone. The Boulevard, as she described the unusual object which "seemed as if it was falling and then went in an upward sweep."

Mrs. Boone said she thought it was an airplane in trouble until "it just disappeared."

Mrs. Janet Crummey, Portugal Cove Road, told The Telegram it resembled a "big, orange, glowing ball' which seemed to be coming straight towards the city until it stopped over The Narrows, near the Battery. "Then, it just disappeared, and there was a big, black shadow where it had been."

She said the object hovered over The Narrows for five to ten minutes before disappearing.

Another woman, who wished to remain anonymous, said all she saw was a "red flash" and she "thought it was an airplane."

She said the object then disappeared and it was "like you turned the lights out."

Mrs. Crummey said she has talked to several other people in the area who saw the object and it was reported to both the city police and the National Harbors Board.

The St. John's Airport has nothing in its logs from a couple of weeks ago to indicate the sighting of the object.

CANADA
Hamilton, Ont.
Spectator
APR 29, 1974

The night I became a UFO believer

By LARRY SICINSKI
Spectator Staff

Take a bow Jack Warnock, Kim Large, Carl Cornell, Carol Ottman and all you other puzzled UFOers. This Doubting Thomas has lost his scepticism.

I saw it. . .and I wasn't even looking for it.

It only took a couple of seconds. Must be an airplane, I thought. No, it seems to be moving too fast for an airplane.

A bright light moving from a northeastly to southwesterly direction . . . moving quickly, very quickly and poof it was gone.

Disappeared.

My wife, Dianne, saw it too.

We were driving towards Hamilton along the Queen Elizabeth Way a few miles before the traffic circle. It was 10:35 last night. I checked my watch after it happened.

The bright light vanished just like it did for Michael Byrnes, 13, of Maclaren Road and a friend in Burlington on April 6. Michael said he and his dad saw the bright light several times a week earlier.

Various reports of UFO sightings have been made in the area over the past few months Michael's earlier experiences happened near Walkers Line and Woodview Avenue.

A couple of weeks ago, three Burlington teenagers said they saw a circular object while they were walking down Cavendish Drive.

"I was in front," said Jack Warnock, Tavistock Drive," and I said, 'look, there's a UFO' just as a joke. . .and then it stopped and it was getting real bright."

Jack said the object almost hit a large commercial airplane.

Ours wasn't as dramatic a sight. And it was only there for two seconds.

"Are you sure it wasn't a speck of dirt on the windshield from the light of oncoming cars?" Dianne began, searching for some "rational" explanation.

"Maybe it was a plane that had its lights on and then turned them off — not one of those commercial airliners, but a small plane?" she asked again, as we turned off the QEW towards Burlington.

Hemm. Maybe it was, but as my wife said: "I want to see another one."

Australian police sight U.F.Os

NEW ZEALAND
CR: Harold Flint
Skylook

N.Z. PRESS ASSOCIATION

MELBOURNE, Monday.—Royal Australian Air Force investigators will take up widespread reports of unidentified flying objects in south-eastern Australia before dawn tomorrow morning.

People in Sydney and Parkes, New South Wales, and in Melbourne, reported seeing bright lights in the sky. Some reported that the lights seemed to follow them. A police crew in Melbourne switched on their lights and siren to prevent what they thought could be a collision with one object at a low altitude. In Sydney, police in Eastern Suburbs received several calls.

The best — authenticated sightings came from Parkes — 186 miles west of Sydney—and Melbourne, where police officers kept the U.F.Os under observation for some time.

The best Melbourne sighting was at police headquarters. A young girl rushed in and told the desk sergeant there were two "things" in the sky and that they looked like landing.

The sergeant, a senior constable and a journalist went to the 10th floor of the building with Kerry Sheehan, 20, and watched the two objects for 10 minutes.

They were very bright and hovered round for some time before disappearing in an easterly direction.

An R.A.A.F. spokesman in Melbourne said there were no aircraft in the area at the time.

Two policewomen said they were driving in Kew, when one of the objects chased them. They said they turned on the blue flashing light and siren of their police car to scare off the "thing".

Department of Air Transport officials at Tullamarine say they did not see the objects at any time.

NEW ZEALAND
THE DOMINION, TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1974
Wellington, N.Z.

UFO WAS NOT A BALLOON

The head of the science department at Taita College, Mr P. Wah, is sure the unidentified flying object seen over Upper Hutt for several hours on Monday was not one of the two balloons he released during an experiment at the school in the morning.

The mysterious object, which was described by one eyewitness as a silver sphere with crescent shaped wings, was first sighted by a resident in Moonshine Road at 10.35 a.m. It brought people out into the streets with binoculars, and two RNZAF Skyhawk jets were sent to the area. But the pilots saw nothing and no radar sightings were obtained.

Mr Wah and a class of third formers let off the two party balloons, filled with hydrogen, shortly after 10 a.m. on Monday morning.

The first balloon was lost in the clouds and the second appeared to drift westwards before ascending and disappearing into clouds.

Mr Wah first learnt of the mystery object when he arrived home about 6.30 p.m. and received a message to ring the Upper Hutt police, who then questioned him about the balloon.

At first he thought the sighted object could have been one of the balloons, but after considering the facts, he said he doubted the possibility.

The object was estimated to be at about 25,000ft. Mr Wah said his party balloons would not be discernible at a height of more than 5000ft.

"If the object was seen and estimated to be at 25,000ft, it must have been fairly sizeable," he said.

Mr Wah contacted the Meterological Office, who told him a balloon like the ones released would burst about a height of about 20,000ft.

Whatever the object was it was not astronomical, a spokesman from the Carter Observatory said yesterday.

NEW ZEALAND
CR: SKYLOOK
-EVENING STANDARD, WEDNESDAY, MAR. 13, 1974.
New Zealand

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UFOs Were Hail Seeders

DRUMHELLER, Alta. (CP) — The mystery of the "unidentified flying objects" reported by residents earlier this week has been solved.

Residents bombarded police and the local radio station Tuesday night with reports of between five and 28 UFOs, described as "lit up like cigarette ends."

The residents were actually witnessing a "modern rainmaker's wizardry," said ERA Instruments Ltd., a Calgary-based company engaged in a weather modification program aimed at reducing the size of hailstones.

For many years, farmers in Hailstone Valley, the area around Penhold, Three Hills and Drumheller, have seen much of their crops go to waste because of severe hailstones.

And Tuesday night, ERA was dropping 60 silver iodide flares over the Drumheller area for cloud seeding, a process to turn the hail into rain, a company spokesman said in Calgary.

Tuesday night's dropping was only a test. Cloud seeding in earnest starts June 20 in Penhold, the company spokesman said.

CANADA WINNIPEG FREE PRESS, FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1974
CR: Burlington

lights', U.F.Os

AUSTRALIA

in our skies

PEOPLE in scattered areas of Queensland have been seeing Unidentified Flying Objects in the last few weeks — more so than usual.

The RAAF, the Queensland U.F.O. Bureau and the Department of Physics at the Queensland University have received reports of unidentified flying objects and mysterious flying lights from people in the Brisbane-Ipswich area and country regions.

Most sightings have been made at night or early morning.

U.F.O. investigator for Amberley Air Base, Squadron Leader R. Bertram, said he had received numerous reports of these "lights" over the last few weeks.

Some Brisbane residents and at least eight people from Dayboro and Upper Lacey's Creek, near Dayboro, have seen the bright lights.

A Dayboro woman who saw a "glowing yellowy light hovering over the mountaintop" on Thursday, April 18, at about 7.15 p.m., called several of her neighbours to witness the sighting.

"The light was stationary and then started floating eastwards. It disappeared behind the mountain range and then reappeared above a hill.

"It hovered again and then gradually faded out," she said.

Her mother-in-law, who joined the group of neighbours, admitted she had seen the same light which "had no distinct shape but looked slightly larger than a full moon" about five weeks before at 3 a.m.

The Queensland U.F.O. Bureau president (Mr. Colin Phillips) said he also had received reports of bright objects in the sky.

A Queensland University lecturer in physics, Dr. J. Ross, said he had had several phone calls from worried people who thought they had seen U.F.Os.

Dr. Ross and Squadron Leader Bertram said the bright lights being sighted probably were the planets Venus and Jupiter, which rose close together at this time of year.

They appeared in the eastern sky in the early morning or sometimes late at night.

Both planets appeared bigger and brighter at this time and could also appear to move or change shape.

But these physical characteristics were merely an atmospheric illusion, Squadron Leader Bertram said.

Both planets, when they were rising, could appear to be moving on the ground, Dr. Ross said.

He said some of the many recent sightings of moving objects in the sky also could be bolides (very large meteors).

They looked like a fireball moving across the sky and sometimes left a smokey trail.

Several reports of similar sightings throughout New South Wales and Victoria were being investigated by the RAAF, Squadron Leader Bertram said.

RAAF spokesmen in both States said the glowing lights probably were Venus and Jupiter.

While these widely reported sightings of bright lights had been accounted for, two recent, separate reports to the UFO Bureau had defied logical or simple explanation, Mr. Phillips said.

Both reports had been investigated thoroughly by the bureau, Mr. Phillips said.

One report came from a 20-year-old nurse at the Ipswich General Hospital.

Bright light

The nurse saw what she thought was a UFO weeks ago when she was driving from Esk to Fernvale.

She was about 5 kilometres from Esk at about 12.30 a.m. when she saw a bright light over the next rise in the road.

"First I thought it was an oncoming car," she said.

"When I realised it wasn't, I thought it was a floodlit house. But as I got closer, I couldn't see a roof on the place.

"The thing — that's the only way I can describe it — was huge and luminous with an open doorway and I could clearly see indentations like windows.

"I was curious at first. It had me fascinated, so I slowed down as I drove past. But I couldn't distinguish anything else about it.

"Then the curiosity left me and I got scared and drove off in a hurry to Ipswich," she said.

THE SUNDAY MAIL,
Brisbane, Queensland

AUSTRALIA

DATE 28 APR 1974

U.F.O.s cause stir in south

AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY, Monday. — People in Parkes and Melbourne have reported sighting two unidentified flying objects overnight.

Two police constables on night duty in Parkes, in the central west of N.S.W., said they saw two brilliantly-coloured lights at 3.15 a.m.

They said the lights were close to the ground at first.

The lights had later moved higher, before disappearing over the airport.

Sgt. J. B. Foley said one policeman went back to the station to point out the lights to the officer on duty.

He said a watchman at the saleyards had earlier pointed out the U.F.O.s to this constable.

The watchman told the constable he first saw the two objects after hearing a noise.

When he had looked up he had seen two bright lights — one brighter than the other.

U.F.O. fever also swept Melbourne overnight.

Two women, driving through the city's eastern suburbs told police two bright lights followed their car.

The women said the two lights disappeared after following them for some time.

In another report, police officers on duty at the Russell Street police headquarters said they saw an unidentified flying object.

However, a Victorian U.F.O. research officer identified the "lights" as the planets Venus and Jupiter.

THE NORTHERN STAR,
LISMORE, N.S.W.

AUSTRALIA

DATE 16 APR 1974

U.F.O. SIGHTING SCARES COUPLE

MAY-6 1974

A MYSTERIOUS U.F.O. sighting by a brother and sister travelling by car along Lilydale Rd last night caused them to "go for our lives".

The woman rang The Examiner at 8 p.m. to report that she and her brother saw mysterious lights as they drove from Lilydale to Rocherlea.

"We looked up and saw two very bright yellow lights just in front and above us, more than 20 metres up.

"My brother stopped the car and we watched them."

The woman said that the lights, which she estimated to be about two metres in diameter, suddenly seemed to vibrate and become blurred.

"At that stage we took off," the woman said.

"I was scared stiff."

From THE EXAMINER, Launceston, Tasmania

MAY 6TH 1974

AUSTRALIA

Children scared by UFO

Three children were frightened by a strange object in the sky near Chandada, about 30 miles east of Streaky Bay, last night.

Jane Ryan, 14, of Chandada, said she had seen the object while driving on her parents' property with her two brothers about 6.40.

In another report Mrs. C. T. Maywald, of Streaky Bay, reported seeing a strange object in the sky near Streaky Bay about 6.30.

There was a third report, from Tumby Bay.

Jane Ryan said that she and her two younger brothers, Paul and Damian, had written down a description of the object.

It was travelling in a north-south direction about 50 feet away from their car and moving at about 30 m.p.h.

It appeared to be in the shape of two large eyes each about two feet by three feet in size and of a greenish-blue color.

It left a luminous trail about 10 feet long with flames coming from it and was visible for about 15 to 20 seconds.

"It scared the living daylights out of me and my brothers," Jane said.

THE ADVERTISER ADELAIDE
AUSTRALIA

DATE 15 MAY 1974

COONABARABRAN

A small party of Coonabarabran people who were fishing at Derringula Friday night had a better story to tell than "the one that got away" as they viewed an unidentified flying object at close range for several minutes.

A Coonabarabran man and two 16 year old lads were fishing in the Castlereagh River and were startled when they noticed the object flying towards them.

The Coonabarabran police officers said the object approached about 10.10 p.m. and resembled a large luminous letter H with bars across the centre.

The object had no lights, did not make any noise and did not appear to contain any heat.

The party saw the object for several minutes before it swooped out of sight over nearby trees.

QUIRINDI ADVOCATE
N.S.W.
23 APR 1974
AUSTRALIA

U.F.O. sighted at Coonamble

Mr Maurice Schoobert and his wife, caretakers at the Coonamble racecourse, report sighting an unidentified flying object over the racecourse at about 10 p.m. on Monday.

They said the object was stationary at first sight but then took off at a high speed westward.

COONAMBLE TIMES N.S.W
24 APR 1974
AUSTRALIA

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Nuernberg UFO sighting reported

By DAN SYNOVEC
Nuernberg bureau chief

NUERNBERG (S&S) — Army guards and observers at the Fuerth Army Airfield here reported spotting an unidentified flying object Sunday night which they described as being curved on the top and flat on the bottom with a white light and two red lights, an Army spokesman said.

Nuernberg civilian airport officials reported that there was no aircraft in the area at the time of the reported UFO sighting.

The Army spokesman said that the UFO was first spotted at about 9:30 p.m. by a guard looking through a star-light scope at an ammunition storage area near the airfield. The guard then alerted the staff duty officer at the airfield who went up into the tower, not in operation at the time, and also spotted the UFO.

The spokesman said that a UH1 Huey helicopter was dispatched to investigate the UFO, but the pilot could not locate it.

WEST GERMAN NEWSPAPER - 1974 MAY

AUSTRALIA

'SAUCER' OVER RYDE

DETECTIVES are investigating reports of an unidentified flying object, seen over the Parramatta River, near Ryde last night.

The object was sighted by David Clifton, 16, of Wharf Road, West Ryde, as he walked in Cobham Avenue at 9.30 pm.

He said he saw a disc-shaped object, with a fixed red light at either end and a flashing yellow light in the middle.

He said it appeared to be hovering over the river.

David told police he became scared and ran home to tell his parents.

His parents said they saw the yellow flashing light moving towards Parramatta.

It was joined by a second yellow flashing light and became stationary for 7 to 10 minutes before it disappeared.

THE SUN
SYDNEY
14 MAY 1974

Strange Objects Sighted

Sightings of Flying Saucers and the like, are usually taken with a grain of salt, but when they are seen by two members of the Constabulary, as well as a local man, one would think there must be something in it.

Two such objects were seen over Parkes in the very early hours of yesterday morning.

At 3.15am yesterday, Mr Reg Sutton of Shallow Rush was at the saleyards tending cattle when he saw the two objects travelling from east and west over Parkes.

Mr Sutton drove to the Police Station and reported the sightting to Cont. Meynick and Cont. Follington.

Both police officers saw the objects, which appeared to be like two bright lights, flying at a low altitude.

They were making a flapping sound and were flying as though they intended to land at the airport.

Police went to the airport, with the objects still in view, but instead of landing, they gained height and were lost from view.

Police said sightings were also reported from Orange and Cudal.

FOOTNOTE: Later, sightings were reported from many Eastern States, and Astronomers say the objects were the Planets Venus and Jupiter, which are unusually close to earth at this time of the year.

AUSTRALIA
PARKES WESTERN PEOPLE
N.S.W.

DATE
15 APR 1974

AUSTRALIAN CLIPS CR: Meteor Res. Soc.

WINNIPEG FREE PRESS, TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1974

CANADA CR: DUPLANTIER

'Alien Airfields' Work Of Mann

By ROBERT C. COWEN
Christian Science Monitor News Service

It is hard to take the theories of Erich von Daniken seriously.

Even if alien astronauts did visit earth in ancient times, as he contends, his "evidence" for this is flimsy.

A Mayan carved figure in an astronaut-like attitude, enigmatic sculpture on Easter Island — these are hardly compelling images from outer space. Unexplained, gigantic patterns laid out on the ground in remote places are intriguing precisely because they are man-made, not because they can be accounted for as landing directions for space visitors.

As astronomer Gerald Hawkins (decoder of Stonehenge) observes, proponents of this latter theory have to "explain the large amount of man-made pottery), more than 200,000 items originally scattered over the area" Dr. Hawkins investigated in Peru. These objects — believed to be contemporary with the markings — strongly suggest that the "alien airfields" are the work of man.

You could see almost any theory of humanity's development reflected in Mr. Von Daniken's tenuous logic, happily attributing some of humanity's greatest achievements to outsiders.

Admittedly, there's enough yet to be learned about our past to urge open-mindedness. Scientists, looking with fresh eyes at what had been dubbed merely religious or magical symbolism, are finding in it other meanings.

Thus, for example, science-writer Alexander Marshack has found detailed astronomical records of the phases of the moon in Ice Age carvings and paintings. And two paintings and a rock carving by North American Indians show what probably is the supernova explosion that produced the Crab Nebula in 1054.

It puts an impossible strain on reason, though, to see Mr. Von Daniken's recumbent Mayan as an astronaut. Phases of the moon or supernovae are basic astronomical images. But, while the Mayan does indeed curl up like an American Mercury astronaut, that attitude is already passe for human spacemen as their craft becomes less cramped.

Actually, the remarkable thing scientists are discovering about our past is not how astonishing its cultural advances have been, but how human they are. Archaeologists once thought certain key inventions were so profound they could arise only rarely. They attributed the spread of these into Europe as diffusion out of the "advanced" Midcast. But the work of such scholars as Colin Renfrew in Britain has shown they arose independently.

The more scientists learn about the past, the more they see the unfoldment of the intelligence man himself expresses. To attribute our cultural landmarks to outsiders is to deny the potential of our own species.

Those interested in the epic of humanity's development, rather than Mr. Von Daniken's sterile delusion, will find it brilliantly told by Jacob Bronowski in his essays The Ascent of Man. Based on his television series, these have just been published by Little, Brown ($15).

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UFOs IN PARKES AND VIC

APR-16-74

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The lights had later moved higher, before disappearing over the Parkes Airport.

Sgt. J B. Foley said one policeman went back to the station to point out the lights to the officer on duty.

He said watchman at the saleyards had earlier pointed out the UFO's to this constable.

HEARD NOISE

The watchman told the constable he first saw the two objects after hearing a noise.

When he had looked up he had seen two bright lights — one brighter than the other.

IN MELBOURNE

UFO fever also swept Melbourne overnight.

Two women, driving through the city's Eastern Suburbs, told police two bright lights followed their car.

The women said the two lights disappeared after following them for some time.

One theory about the lights is that they were caused by the morning and evening stars passing close together.

The RAAF and police are also investigating reports of two other bright lights that hovered over Melbourne early this morning.

They were observed from the top of Russell Street Police, Headquarters by senior police and a journalist.

An observer told police: "They were very bright and seemed to move around. I do not believe in flying saucers, but I'm beginning to wonder now."

Two policewomen said, they were followed along Studley Park Road, Kew, by one of the objects, but it seemed to disappear.

At one stage it seemed to come within a thousand feet of the ground.

IN SYDNEY

SYDNEY, Monday. — Police say they have received several reports of flying saucers over Sydney's Eastern Suburbs this morning.

A police spokesman said the reports say two flying saucers, each with two lights, were seen.

The RAAF at Richmond and the Department of Civil Aviation were alerted.

April 16, 1974

AUSTRALIA
CENTRAL WESTERN DAILY, Orange, N.S.W.

Venus And Jupiter Were "Flying Objects"

MELBOURNE, Mon. — Excitement caused by reports of two flying objects over Melbourne ended today when a member of the Victorian UFO Research Society identified them as the planets Venus and Jupiter.

The vice-president of the society, Mrs. Judith Magee, said she saw the two bright lights in the sky over Melbourne at 4.31 this morning.

She said they definitely were the two planets, although anyone watching them for any length of time would imagine they were moving.

Mrs. Magee said that Venus and Jupiter were on a 30 degree angle to the earth at this time each year.

This year they came closer to earth than previously and this made them larger than normal.

Earlier, police and members of the public told of being "chased" by the flying objects, and the Air Force was busy denying that it had aircraft over Melbourne at the time.

From the observation deck of the 10th floor of the Russell Street Police Headquarters, senior policemen, AAP journalist John Westbury and a 20-year-old girl watched the bright lights.

Westbury said the girl, Kerry Sheehan, of Northcote, had rushed into Police Headquarters and said "two things are going to land in the city."

Westbury said one light was larger than the other.

They appeared to move apart, then dropped lower and then rose again together, before gradually disappearing into the eastern sky.

DATE ← GRAFTON EXAMINER (N.S.W.) 16 APR 1974 → AUSTRALIA W. COUNTRY

UFO 'sightings' on the increase

DPR-21-74

FIFTEEN sightings of unidentified flying objects in WA have been investigated by the RAAF at Pearce this year, and reports forwared to RAAF Intelligence in Canberra.

In most cases, explanations have been found for the sightings, a spokesman for the RAAF said yesterday.

"The incidence of reports in WA this year appears to be no higher than last year, when we had a total of 66 sightings," the spokesman said.

He was commenting on a statement by the Air Transport Group of the new Federal Transport Department that UFO sightings were on the increase.

An Air Transport Group spokesman said: "We have received a remarkable number of reports throughout Australia this year—about three times the number filed in the same period last year."

All reports sightings by commercial aircraft, crews and people in Tasmania, WA and the Northern Territory have been at night.

THE INDEPENDENT, Perth, W.A.

AUSTRALIA Apr. 21, 1974

Mystery in the Mid-North sky

AUSTRALIA

MAY-1-1974

HOW often at night do we gaze into the starry heavens above and wonder at the size and composition of the universe?

How often do we reflect on the possibility of other forms of life way out in deep space?

How often in latter years have we heard and seen in the news media, the words Unidentified Flying Objects — UFO's?

Since 1968 there have been a number of sightings of strange objects in the sky over the Mid-North areas of South Australia.

The sightings have been made in many instances by people not given to "flights of fancy," and the reports make many wonder whether we are being observed by some form of being from deep space.

In November 1968 two young children at Hill River, Deborah and Phillip Garrard, reported a "thing" in a paddock close by their home, which came to rest and left a depressed area about five feet in diameter in a heavy stand of Salvation Jane.

Both children agreed that the strange bright object was football shaped, about two feet long and a foot thick.

Several other reportings of the sighting were made by people in and around Clare.

During the same week there was a spate of reports of strange lights in the sky, of swishing noises and of the eerie barking of dogs in the middle of the night.

Mrs A. E. Bates, of Barinia, and Miss Pearl Walden said that on the night of November 25 they saw a strange light hovering in the sky over Barinia, north of Clare.

Mr Bill Scott claimed to have seen a very bright light in the sky travelling parallel to his vehicle while he was driving from Clare to Armagh.

He stopped at the home of Mr Frank Keynes on the Boconnoc Park road and both Mr Scott and Mr Keynes saw a light hovering in the sky in the direction of Snowtown. It appeared as bright as that of a locomotive.

Previously always sceptical about reports of sightings, Mr Keynes was convinced there was "something in the sky."

All was quiet in the Mid-North until June 1969 when there was a daylight sighting of a large egg-shaped object silently travelling north at an estimated 150 mph.

That June seemed the most active period ever for reports of unidentified flying objects. In two weeks strange objects were reported from many areas during both day and night.

On June 4 about 7.45 p.m. Mr Stuart Thomas, of Cooarma, about a mile east of Hilltown, and his wife Pauline saw a dull red flashing light not far away. It was moving at about 80 mph but they could hear no noise.

Two other Hilltown residents, Mr and Mrs Jim Michael, were travelling from Hilltown toward Clare about the same time. Mr Michael saw the light and stopped the car, but could hear no noise. They said the light appeared to follow them and then hover over the ranges near the Camel's Hump.

Mr Michael, a prominent farmer and grazier, said: "There was something there, but what it could have been I would not like to say."

About 9.30 a.m. one day earlier the same week Mr Thomas was working in his wool shed when, for some unknown reason, he suddenly put down his tools and went outside. He looked into the sky and about 45 degrees above the horizon he saw an egg-shaped object with no wings, tail or propellor. It was travelling north at about 150 mph and again there was no noise.

Mr Thomas said later he seemed to stiffen all over as he watched the unexplained object. It appeared to be flying at about 2,000 ft, looked about the size of a four-seater helicopter, was egg-shaped and the bottom half gave off a bright reflection from the sun while the top half was dull.

The light given off was said by Mr Thomas to be about three times as bright as normal reflected sunlight.

Again during the same week, two young farmers, Grant and Keith Woidt, were seeding on a property six miles west of Caltowie on the Stone Hut road late at night when they were hounded by a mysterious light.

Grant, who was driving the tractor, saw the light about 2.45 a.m. in an adjoining paddock. He was at first unconcerned, thinking it was another farmer getting an early start.

Then the light changed to dull red and back to white. Still Grant took little notice — until the light began ascending into the sky.

As they stopped work about 3.30 a.m. Grant pointed out the light to Keith, who had been on the combine. When they stopped the tractor the light moved toward them and hovered over the vehicle.

As they drove toward home the light followed them at a distance of about 300 yards and about 2000 feet above the ground. When they stopped, the light stopped.

Grant and Keith woke Mr and Mrs John Woidt and their sister, Helen, and the group watched the light which seemed to bob up and down every so often like a cork on ripply water.

They then noticed a second object, orange-red in color. And as the sky brightened with the approach of dawn the lights began moving away.

There had been absolute silence, but the smaller object suddenly emitted a short burst of staccato sounds. Helen heard the noise from the kitchen.

The larger light steadily moved away, while the smaller one rose toward the only cloud in the sky.

"It pivoted and shone on the dark cloud," the men said, and all that could be seen was a tiny light, before it again turned and shone directly at the observers as it rose into the cloud.

For a second, as the mystery object's light was diffused by the cloud, they got the impression of a solid object with legs protruding beneath it. Then it was gone.

It was about three and a half hours since the first light was sighted.

Further sightings of strange, moving, no-noise lights came in during the same month from a wide area of the Mid-north.

Mr Peter Pargeter, a Koolunga farmer, saw a red light beside his car while driving from Brinkworth. Mr Jim Best, of Penwortham, saw a similar light.

Booborowie accountants Ron and John Dewhirst were travelling north along the main road to Burra when they saw a light hovering over Porter's Lagoon. They stopped the car three times and the light followed, but they could hear no noise.

Ron Dewhirst said there was something in the sky, adding that neither he nor John drank or smoked.

The president of the Mid-North sub-group of the Aerial Phenomena Research Group, Mr A. T. Pink, said the number of sightings of strange lights and sky objects in May and June of 1971 was astounding. Reports came in from many people over a wide area.

In May 1972 an object described by Stanley Flat resident Mrs Phyl James as "a tremendous flashing light bursting into many smaller stars" lit up the night sky like day.

Her son and daughter-in-law, Mr and Mrs Peter James, said that at the same time the house shook and rattled. The light was also reported by Mr Allan Pfeiffer of Waterloo.

There were no recorded sightings in May or June 1973. But what are the chances for May and June this year?

Keep watch in the skies. Those that doubt may be convinced, while those that are convinced will be ready to confirm what they had hitherto thought was fiction.

Reports may be sent to the State secretary of the Aerial Phenomena Research Group, Mr Keith Basterfield, at 2 Ray street, Plympton, 5038.

MAY AND JUNE BEST MONTHS FOR UFO SIGHTINGS

by DENIS TILBROOK

of the NORTHERN ARGUS, Clare

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MAY 1ST 1974 AUSTRALIA TRANSCONTINENTAL PORT AUGUSTA, S.A.

U.F.O'S SPOTTED BY PARKES RESIDENTS

Two Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) were spotted by Parkes residents over the Easter weekend.

One of the UFO's, spotted by Mr. Reg Sutton of Shallow Rush, was also reported seen by people in other states, and received nation wide publicity.

Mr. Sutton spotted two objects passing over at about 3.15 on Sunday morning.

He said that the two objects were very bright and made a "fluttering" noise.

He then contacted Parkes Police. Two constables saw the objects which, they said, disappeared over the Parkes Airport.

The two officers involved were Senior Constables Meynink and Follington.

They said that the objects were at roof top level at the start and as they followed them to the Parkes Airport, they began to get higher and eventually disappeared into "little stars."

Similar objects were reported to have been sighted by people from areas between Parkes and Melbourne.

Scientists from Mt. Stromlo Observatory have since stated that the objects were probably planets Venus and Jupiter.

Another UFO was sighted at about 11.30 on Sunday evening by Mr. Fred Thomson of Mitchell Street.

Mr. Thomson said that he and his daughter were sitting in the lounge room when they heard this loud "searing" noise.

On investigation, he saw two bright red and orange lights at the front of his residence.

He said that the mass of light was just above roof level and that it covered the length of his house.

Mr. Thomson said that he thought power lines may have been short-circuitting and he rushed inside to tell his family not to touch any electrical appliances.

He then went back outside, but by this time, the object had disappeared.

Many other Parkes residents were reported to have also seen the object.

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11,000 PAIRS OF EYES ON THE SKIES

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LONDON, Tues: If any extra-terrestrials are planning to visit the earth at the end of this month they can be sure of a sizable audience.

At least 11,000 people in 34 countries will be scanning the skies for UFOs — unidentified flying objects—during International Skywatch Week from next Saturday to May 4, the organisers said today.

"We are hoping for the biggest response so far," said Mr Brinsley le Poer Trench, President of Contact International, which claims to be the world's biggest UFO investigatory group.

This will be the second Skywatch week he has organised. Last year's, at the end of June, was affected by bad weather.

Members of Contact International's national groups have been asked to go out with their telescopes, binoculars and cameras in a coordinated spot-the-object drive.

Mr Trench said: "We advise them to go out in parties because that makes for better evidence.

"Then I want them to send in their results as soon as possible—by cable if they can (cable address: Ufotact London SW10)—whether those results are positive or negative."

Mr Trench is convinced that despite efforts to belittle research in this field there has been a general intensification of UFO activity.

There was a rash of sightings in the latter part of last year in regions as diverse as Italy, Yugoslavia, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, he said.

These were in addition to the regular flow of sightings reported from all over the world.

"Lights in the sky are not so exciting nowadays," he said. "But we are getting much more of the ground-level stuff—actual landing reports."

These had been coming from all over South America, the U.S. and Europe, he said.

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THE WEST AUSTRALIAN, PERTH

New UFO sighting!

AUSTRALIA

MURRAY BRIDGE – "A lot of people don't believe it until they see it. But if they had seen this one, I reckon they would believe it all right." APR-23-74

At least, that's how Craig Hattam (pictured) saw it at 8.20 p.m. last Tuesday.

It, he suspects, was an unidentified flying object. And he wasn't the only one to spot 'it'.

In fact it was high school student John McAllister who first pointed out the big orange light in the sky, which Craig claims could well have been the latest in a long line of UFO sightings in the local area.

Craig, 16, of Hawke Road, Murray Bridge, was near the end of his nightly milk round at the corner of Hannaford and Caroline Streets.

"John pointed to the object and said he had seen three lights underneath it.

"I looked up and saw something too, although it seemed to have just one big light shining from it.

"The light seemed to be rotating, covered up at each end of the object and appearing as it got to the middle.

"It seemed to be flying fairly high going in the direction of Adelaide. I reckon it was somewhere between Murray Bridge and Mypolonga when we saw it.

"It didn't make a sound for the entire three or four minutes we watched it before it went out of sight.

"I couldn't tell for sure what it was, but it was certainly travelling much too fast for a plane and it didn't have a tail light as planes do – it was just one huge orange light.

"It was difficult to make out any particular shape".

Craig, who works by day as a hairdresser in Bridge Street, readily admits to being a science fiction fan, and believed even before last Tuesday's sighting that someone, somewhere 'out there' could be watching us.

He isn't sure what he saw or whether the sighting reported from Elizabeth at 7 p.m. the same night was just a coincidence.

But Craig is adamant that the "big, orange flashing light" was something out of the ordinary.

And his sighting goes down on record as the umpteenth reported in recent times in the local area ... one of the world's 'hotbeds' of UFO activity.

Port Adelaide Apr. 23, 1974 (BRIDGE OBSERVER)

Flying Object Seen At Derringula

APR-18-74

A small party of Coonabarabran people who were fishing at Derringula on Friday night had a better story to tell than "the one which got away" as they viewed an unidentified flying object at close range for several minutes.

A Coonabarabran man and two 16 year old lads were fishing in the Castlereagh River and were startled when they noticed the object flying towards them.

The old Coonabarabran police officers the object approached about 10.10 pm and resembled a large luminous letter H with bars across the centre.

The object had no lights, did not make any noise and did not appear to contain any heat.

The party saw the object for several minutes before it swooped out of sight over nearby trees.

Coonabarabran Police said the matter was reported to Mr Miller of the Department of Civil Aviation Dubbo and also to Squadron Leader P. Kin of the RAAF Operational Room near Sydney

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NEW ZEALAND

Skyhawks Fail To Find UFO

3-12-74

N.Z. Press Association.

WELLINGTON, Tuesday. — A mysterious flying object reported in the sky over the Hutt Valley yesterday has still not been positively identified.

After hundreds of people reported seeing the cylindrical-shaped object with delta or crescent-shaped wings, two RNZAF Skyhawk could find no trace of the jets flew over the area but object.

From the ground eyewitnesses say one Skyhawk appeared very close to the object, but from the ground it was difficult to determine whether the jet was at the same altitude as the object.

One Upper Hutt resident, Mr L. W. Riley, said he first sighted the object at about 10 a.m., and his wife and sons also saw it.

He said: "It was absolutely clear, but it diminished in clarity as the sun moved across the sky".

An Upper Hutt police constable said it was over the Hutt Valley but, towards the south from where he was, it moved south-west until it was finally lost from sight in the late afternoon.

Police Constable Terry Quill said: "With the naked eye it appeared to move almost at the same speed as the sun, but looking through binoculars, at times it appeared to move very rapidly."

After a number of sightings were made in Upper Hutt and Lower Hutt, the object was estimated to be about 25,000 feet up.

While the Skyhawks flew over the area a police officer in Upper Hutt gave the object's position, in relation to the aircraft, to Wellington air traffic centre and this was then relayed to the Skyhawk pilots.

But they were unable to make visual contact.

An Air Force spokesman said that no radar sightings had been obtained either.

Radar installations at Ohakea were able to track the Skyhawks while they were over the Hutt Valley, but could not sight anything else.

The supervisor of Wellington air traffic control said that Wellington Airport's radar was out of operation at present.

Dr D. C. Thompson, of the research division of the Meteorological Service, said from reports he had heard, "it does not seem likely that the object is a weather balloon, although this possibility can't be discounted".

Weather balloons released locally are of the type which keep climbing high into the atmosphere until they burst.

He said it could, however, be a balloon of the type being released by Australian meteorologists, which are made to float up to a certain altitude and drift at that height for up to a year.

EVENING STANDARD, TUESDAY, MAR. 12, 1974

NEW ZEALAND

4-22-74

Australia keeps watch on U.F.Os

CANBERRA.— Screened from the public eye in the huge Russell Hill defence complex, Australia's only official U.F.O. watchers methodically collect all available evidence on unusual aerial sightings.

Their object is to piece as many pieces of the puzzle together as possible in the hope that one day the riddle will be solved.

The nerve centre of the operation is a small room staffed by officers of the Directorate of Air Force Intelligence.

Here the officers receive reports from witnesses and field investigators in all parts of Australia and attempt to explain — or as in 93 per cent of cases explain away — the likely causes of U.F.Os.

The R.A.A.F. unlike its American counterpart, is still deeply involved in investigating U.F.O. sightings.

In fact, it has an elaborate information gathering network involving all R.A.A.F. bases in Australia.

Officers are seconded from bases nearest to where U.F.O. eye witnesses live and, armed with lengthy questionaires, check every detail on the spot.

All reports are sent to the headquarters in Canberra for processing and possible further investigation.

ONE of the possible reasons for the R.A.A.F's continued interest in U.F.Os is the comparatively high level of inexplicable reports it receives — 7 per cent, as against the U.S.A.F's 3 per cent.

The R.A.A.F. says the 7 per cent formula would probably apply to the record upsurge in U.F.O. sightings in Australia this year.

This would mean about 14 reports would be added to the already bulky file marked "unknown".

Theories have been put forward that some of the unexplained sightings over Australia could have involved high-flying spy aircraft from foreign countries.

It would be easy for someone with an untrained eye to mistake an unfamiliar aircraft at a high altitude for a U.F.O., experts say.

But they quickly counter with the question: "Who would be interested in spying on Australia?"

In any case, no country with the exception of the United States — a friendly nation — is considered capable of sending a plane from a foreign base over Australia and return.

Another theory, perhaps more realistic, is that some U.F.O. reports — particularly in remote parts of Australia — could result from mistaken sightings of civil aircraft operating illegally.

The Head of the Federal Narcotics Bureau, Mr Harvey Bates, says his department keeps in touch with the R.A.A.F. other services and civil authorities for evidence of suspected smuggling operations.

THE DOMINION, MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1974 Wellington, N.Z.

NEW ZEALAND
CR: SKYLOOK

Ballyhoo Harming Study Of UFOs

The only lesson civilian UFO investigators learnt from the publicity that followed Monday's Hutt Valley observations was how not to investigate a sky phenomenon.

This statement was made today by Mr H. H. Fulton, of Palmerston North, the director for New Zealand of the Mutual UFO Network, United States.

"Why must public officials and some Wellington Press representatives be in such a hurry to sponsor unlikely answers that detract from something which might have been of the greatest scientific interest?" Mr Fulton asked.

He said these rather unintelligent actions added to the personal embarrassment and chagrin of the mostly inexperienced but honest observers.

"These observers are not as nearly unsophisticated or hysteria-inclined as those responsible for picking solutions out of a hat and thrusting them upon us."

Mr Fulton said the organisation he represented in New Zealand had field officers in Wellington and other centres. In regard to the Hutt Valley sightings, they had contacted eyewitnesses, the Weather Office, civil aviation and the Carter Observatory.

"Of the explanations advanced to date to explain the mystery, we agree the most likely is daylight observation of the planet Venus."

Mr Fulton said Venus, presently a brilliant object in early morning skies, was approaching the quarter (visible phase) which was its brightest. Under ideal viewing conditions, therefore, it would be visible during the hours of daylight.

"The largest 'hole' in this solution is that if Venus was so clearly visible in Hutt skies, it should have been equally visible elsewhere in New Zealand."

Mr Fulton said the failure of Ohakea-based radar and RNZAF Skyhawk pilots to confirm the presence of anything unusual over the Hutt Valley should not surprise anyone.

"Service personnel are not at liberty to confirm findings on sensitive subjects. But my experience tells me that the Hutt observations must have been very impressive in expert minds to cause a call for the appearance on the scene of Skyhawks," he said.

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NEW ZEALAND

"ADVOCATE"
Burnie, Tas.
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MORE SKY 'THINGS'

People were seeing things again last night.

At Latrobe, about 50 people apparently saw what one man described as a "flying saucer."

He phoned "The Advocate" at 7.30 p.m., half an hour after they sighted the object.

He asked to remain anonymous.

"They will think a man is cranky, if I tell you my name," he said.

He said a crowd of about 50 people watched the strange object from the Latrobe basketball stadium.

"It was a slow-moving object over Dooleys Hill.

"It was moving in a south-easterly direction, and after about 15 minutes disappeared behind the hill.

"It was a single light-grey light, like a big ball of fairly floss," the caller said.

A further sighting was reported in Burnie late last night when a glowing red object was seen in the vicinity of the Burnie wharves by a caller to "The Advocate".

He said the object, circling in an arc, had been visible to him for some time last night.

Hobart, Tas.
"MERCURY"
4 MAY 1974

AUSTRALIA

"Speeding light" sighted

A Glenorchy couple yesterday reported sighting a "speeding light which travelled from Mt Wellington to Elwick on Thursday morning and in the opposite direction yesterday morning.

They said the light appeared at the same time, 5.55 am both mornings, and was brighter than the brightest star.

They said they watched it for about five minutes and its speed was irregular — sometimes travelling at a "terrific pace" and other times hardly moving at all.

The secretary of the Tasmanian Unidentified Flying Objects Investigation Centre (Mr K. Roberts) said yesterday it was difficult to say what the object could have been "on the evidence."

"If the light had travelled at a steady speed it could have been a satellite."

He has asked that the witnesses contact the Centre's sightings officer (Mr K Bennetto) on 28 5248 and give him more information.

"EXAMINER"
Launceston, Tas.
17 APR 1974

AUSTRALIA

New saucer sightings

PORT MORESBY — Flying saucer spotting, the latest easter pastime in Melbourne and Sydney, also has its devotees in Papua-New Guinea.

Five people returning from a midnight drive-in screening on Easter Monday morning reported watching two glowing lights hovering in the sky for almost two hours in the Port Moresby suburb of Boroko.



KLAM-ITY KORNER

THE EDITOR'S OPINION

Last Monday morning,, a most excited, but seemingly sincere, young man stopped at the offices of the Klam-Ity Kourier and swore that he had seen "Bigfoot" at Gray's Falls in Burnt Ranch where he had spent the night in his Dodge van. "I was one scared turkey", said the man who was looking for work in a mill, shaking his head in disbelief in recollection of the incident. "It was bigger than my van!" he exclaimed. Reassuring the office staff that he was not insane, inebriated or hallucinating, he said the big (almost seven feet tall) creature had looked to him like a hairy old man who smelled kind of pungent. Greg Michael, 19, from Las Vegas, had arrived at the falls at 9:00 p.m. and prepared his bed for the night inside his van that was outfitted with curtains. At midnight he awoke because someone was kicking the tires of his vehicle. He pulled the drapes apart and almost collapsed in fright. "I knew for certain that THAT was no bear!!" he laughed. It took him another 15 minutes to get up enough courage to open his curtains again. He was trembling and tried to calm himself. From where Greg lay, he had to look up to see Bigfoot's face and head. "It was right there, near the front of the van!!" he said vehemently. The night was clear and good for sight since it was a full moon night. As time went on and Greg's mind raced for a solution that might get him out of the scary predicament, he started honking his horn and turned on the headlights of the van. The next thing he knew, his whole van was being rocked like a cradle, which scared him even more. "It wasn't a bear," he kept repeating, "he had hands!!!!" Bigfoot even tried the doors of the van, which unnerved the camper who had locked his car doors before he went to sleep. At about 2 a.m., the visitor left and Greg opened one window a little. "The air smelled like somebody who hasn't taken a bath for a long time," he said. Needless to say, Greg was unable to go back to sleep and was awaiting the office crew at the Klam-Ity Kourier to share his story with first thing in the morning.

And while on the subject of "Bigfoot", here is a letter we received from the eminent authority on Bigfoot research, George F. Haas of 5309 College Avenue in Oakland, Calif. 94618, who is constantly besieged with requests for more information on Bigfoot (or Tarzan), the folk heros:

"Bigfoot, the giant hairy wildman of the western forests, is rapidly becoming a folk hero to the youth of our land. Hundreds and hundreds - undoubtedly thousands - of high school and college students across the country are writing term papers and science reports on him. Almost daily they write me asking for "all the information you have on Bigfoot".

Until recently Tarzan has been the folk hero of the wildman type. In the fall of 1912 the short novel "Tarzan of the Apes" by Edgar Rice Burroughs appeared complete in the October issue of ALL STORY magazing. Although that was 62 years ago, and I was only six and a half years old, I recall as vividly as if it were yesterday my mother reading that story to my stepfather and me. It took her all day to do it; we wouldn't let her stop. That was my introduction, not only to fantasy literature - which was to become a life-long interest - but to ape-men.

While some writer friends have tended to dismiss or downgrade Burroughs, saying he was a hack writer of children's stories, I have always delighted in pointing out that during his lifetime Burroughs not only made two million dollars on his Tarzan and Mars books but he achieved something that comes to few writers - he created an immortal character— Tarzan. As long as there will be boys there will be Tarzan.

During the past six decades, therefore, Tarzan has become a folk hero not only to the youth of our land but to youth everywhere. The Tarzan books have been translated into the languages of most of the civilized countries of the earth and their popularity has been increasing. In 1972 alone the Burroughs estate expected to take in between two and three million dollars in royalty rights from Tarzan books and movies throughout the world.

But now Bigfoot is rapidly joining Tarzan as a folk hero to our young people. Unlike Tarzan, a fictional hero, Bigfoot is for real. But like Tarzan, Bigfoot is the embodiment of all the virtues now held in esteem by today's environment - conscious youth.

Bigfoot is free; he roams the wilderness in perfect freedom but he does not harm it. He is gigantic and powerful but he is gentle and harms nobody. He lives off the land but leaves no trace of his passage except for an occasional footprint. He is in perfect peace and harmony with his environment. He lives a natural life completely free of the fetters of "civilization", a life that natural man was meant to live. He lives in the unspoiled wild places of the earth, in the wilderness areas, in the beautiful forests and remote mountain ranges where millions of men go annually for "re-creation". But Bigfoot has had that all the time; he has never lost it.

But now with his ranges decreasing due to the encroachment of man, it is up to us to see to it that he is protected and declared an endangered species. Certainly the youth of our land will join me in taking an exceedingly dim view of the plans of some to shoot him or capture him for purposes of exploitation, fame or fortune. Surely we can do better by a folk hero than that."

Every year, over the Labor Day weekend in the beginning of September, the community of Willow Creek stages a "Bigfoot Daze" celebration with a parade, an open-pit beef bar-b-que, a "Little Miss Bigfoot" contest for the small fry and such open air events as games and races for children, motorcycle and horse scrambles (gymkhanas), street or square dances and other amusements. The proceeds from this celebration, in which every organization of the valley takes a part, are purchasing 17 acres of land on the Trinity River, called Flowers Memorial Park, that the Willow Creek Recreation Commission and the Bigfoot Days, Inc., organization, have made into a beautiful recreational park with raceways , bleachers, arenas, picnic areas, the "Bigfoot Playground" and concession stands. Flowers Memorial Park is not being paid for by your taxes, it is being paid for by volunteer labor of each and every citizen of the community. This year, the Bigfoot Daze Celebration promises to be even bigger and better than ever before and Red (Deputy Sheriff James) Marler, this year's Chairman of the event, wishes to invite all of you to meet with him tonight, Wednesday, May 22nd, at 8 p.m. in room number 2 of the Trinity Valley Elementary School in Willow Creek to discuss plans for this year's celebration. Each organization please send two representatives!!! We also need a Parade Chairman for this year and we want every business and organization in town to enter a pretty float this year. It is hoped that the 1974 parade will have a goodly number of Bigfoot impersonators in costumes this year, so start working on it NOW!!! You see, this year we are going to have a very special reason for doing things up right: We, or rather YOU, are going to be on television! The Wolper Productions Company of Los Angeles is preparing "Bigfoot", a documentary for television, that will have you in it if you have an entry in the parade. Twelve cameramen and television crew members, all of them specialists, have already made their reservations at Wyatt's Motel and they hope that you will cooperate in their efforts of making this an especially nice T.V. documentary.

Bigfoot is the subject of the David L. Wolper production to be partially filmed in Willow Creek during environs Labor Day weekend. The one-hour television SPECIAL will appear on CBS-television later this year as one of a new series of programs produced in association with the Smithsonian Institution of Washington, D. C.

CR: LOREN COLEMAN

Box 355, Willow Creek, Calif.

Wednesday May 15, 1974 KLAM-ITY KOURIER

CANADA

Thursday, May 16, 1974
EDMONTON JOURNAL.

People are hard to convince

CALGARY (CP)—The biggest problem Ron Gummow of Calgary has today is trying to convince people that those really were two sasquatch he saw on the David Thompson Highway in the Rocky Mountains Saturday morning.

Mr. Gummow, 42, said he saw the two sasquatch standing in the road as he came around a bend. The sasquatch, about 12 feet tall and covered with hair, trotted off into the bush as Mr. Gummow's car approached.

That's the story Mr. Gummow told a Red Deer radio station Sunday and now he's spending a lot of his time answering telephone calls, trying to explain that he's not a liar, alcoholic or a lunatic.

He said in an interview that he was sober when he saw the pair, and that he is sure of what he saw.

Mr. Gummow said he was driving toward Red Deer from Jasper and was driving "quite slowly" when he saw the pair. He said he stopped the car and the pair stared at him before "jogging" off into the bush.

The pair was described by Mr. Gummow as "about 12 feet tall, covered with dark brown hair, ape-like in appearance with broad shoulders. They looked to weigh about thee times as much as an average man.

Mr. Gummow, an oil supply company employee, said "I was just shocked. I wasn't a believer in sasquatches but I am now."

Skunk Ape Sighted in Suburbs

Editorial, A18
By JOYCE HEARD
Post Staff Writer

Could the elusive Florida skunk ape have forsaken his Everglades home for the more civilized life of suburban West Palm Beach?

Seven youngsters reported seeing what looked like a skunk ape in a wooded area on Ranch House Road near their homes.

They said they saw it first Tuesday and then again yesterday.

"I may be a little kid but I know what I saw," said 9-year-old Laurie Holmes.

Laurie and the six other youngsters all described the animal they saw as between six and seven feet tall with dark matted hair, long arms, sharp teeth and four toes.

"It could be a man just dressed up in a suit, but I don't think it was," said Tommy Streeter, 10. "I saw him running on his hind legs with his arms curled out and when he turned around I saw a white streak on his back."

Two boys, Tommy Streeter and Mike Edwards, reported seeing the skunk ape on Tuesday from a distance of about 100 yards.

"We were walking down the path and we saw something black and hairy in the bushes. He made some deep scratchy sounds from the throat and we got scared and started running," Mike Edwards said.

The two also reported seeing the skunk ape reaching out the window of an abandoned shack located next to the path in the woods they sometimes take on the way to the Meadow Park Elementary School.

"He had bare skin on his knuckles and he just reached out the window," Mike said.

Mike's mother, June Edwards, said she might have overreacted when the children came home and reported seeing the ape. "But if something's wrong in the area where our kids go back and forth to school then I don't think it hurts to check it out," she said.

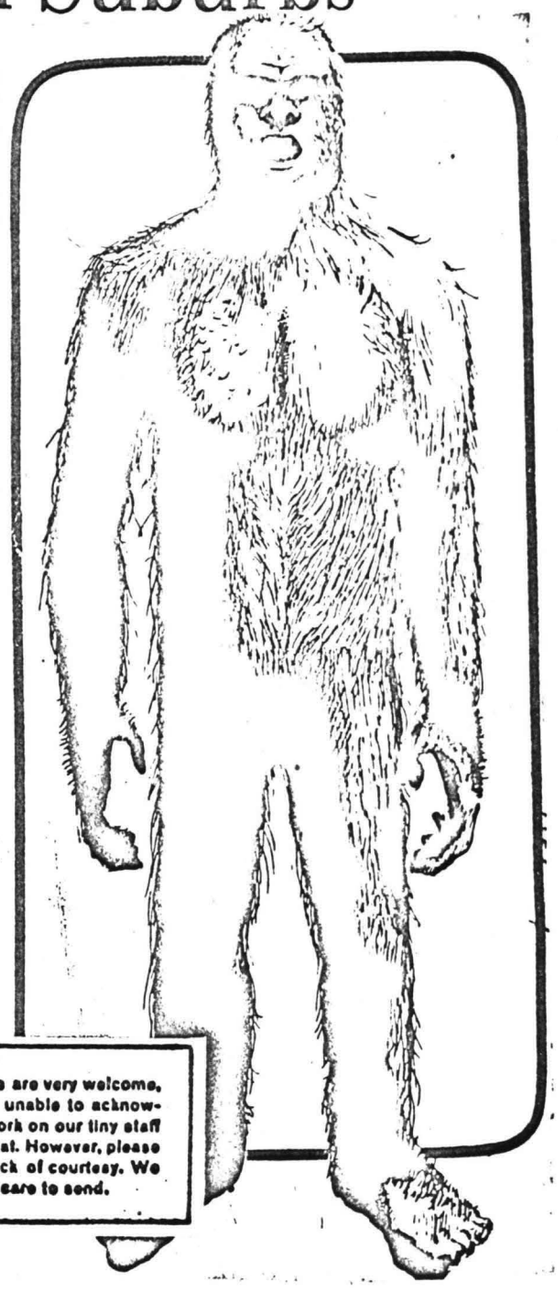
She called the Sheriff's Department about the incident.

Mrs. Rita Carr, whose son Scott also reported seeing the ape, was inclined not to believe the children's stories. "These kids have heard about the skunk ape and they have very vivid imaginations. It shows you how kids will go through mass hysteria just like grownups," she said.

The Florida skunk ape, so named because many of those who claim to have seen him say he smells like a skunk and has the white stripe, has been sighted off and on throughout South Florida since 1971.

The most recent prior incident involving the skunk ape took place on Jan. 9 when a man named Richard Smith reported hitting an ape-like creature with his car on U.S. 27 west of Hollywood.

Palm Beach
Palm Beach Post
APR 18, 1974



YOUR CLIPPINGS of newspaper items are very welcome. We apologise here for being generally unable to acknowledge these items as the pressure of work on our tiny staff and on our postage resources is too great. However, please do not be deterred by this seeming lack of courtesy. We really do appreciate anything you care to send.

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In Search of 'Snowman,' Expedition Finds Footprints

KATMANDU, Nepal (UPI) — Roshi Ishikawa, 27, the head of a Japanese expedition searching for the legendary yeti, or abominable snowman, said Thursday his team had photographed footprints of a monkey-like animal at an elevation of about 15,000 feet in the Himalaya Mountains.

Ishikawa said the footprints were found in the Annapurna Range in Central Nepal. He said no one saw the animal that made the tracks.

He did not say when the tracks were found but the 11-member expedition, which includes four professional bear hunters, had been searching for 75 days.

The yeti is the larger of two such snowmen believed to exist by the native Shenpas. The smaller animal is known as a miti.

Footprints of what were believed those of the snowman were first found in the Himalayas in 1921 by a British expedition. Since 1970, a Japanese and a British expedition reported sighting similar footprints.

Ishiwaka said the footprints were 11¼ inches long and 10 inches wide.

On January 30, a professor from Hiroshima University in Japan, Akira Namba, said his team also photographed prints believed left by one of the "snowmen."

He said the prints were 7½ inches long and had four toes. Namba also said the tracks were found between 12,444 feet and 18,120 feet on the slope of a 21,324-foot peak in the Annapurna Range on January 5.

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It definitely wasn't a dog!

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By DAVE RORDEN
News Tribune Staff Writer

Tony McClennan thought he saw an injured dog alongside the road Sunday night near Maple Valley.

As he slowed his car to investigate, the animal raised upon its hind legs and towered over the car at a distance of about six feet.

The 29-year-old Tukwila man thinks it was a sasquatch.

The creature had a flat, snoutless face, red eyes that appeared to glow, and long, hairy arms, he told two King County police officers who returned to the scene with him and conducted a limited and fruitless search.

The sighting was on Lake Francis Road about a mile east of the Cedar Grove Road.

McClennan estimated the creature's height at between six and eight feet.

The searching officers found an 18-inch-wide path leading into the brush.

McClennan's mother reported her son, who works for Ideal Paper Co., was sent home from work this morning because so many calls about the sighting were coming in, and the company said "They just couldn't handle so many calls."

Mrs. McClennan said her son and his uncle and brother returned to the scene last night to resume the hunt but didn't find anything.

"He was plenty scared by what he saw," she said. "And he isn't the type that makes up things like this."

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Mystery sub leaves Sweden

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN — An unidentified submarine that was reported trapped by a small task force of the Swedish Navy in a Baltic bay left Swedish waters after the task force was withdrawn, the defense headquarters reported.

The headquarters said it pulled out the task force to give the submarine "A calculated chance to leave Swedish territorial waters."

"It seems we have accomplished what we wanted," a defense spokesman said.

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Hair Found on Brush Near Sasquatch Sighting

A King County police department spokesman said yesterday laboratory tests will be conducted to determine the nature of some pieces of hair found on brush near a road in Maple Valley where a "Sasquatch" was reported sighted Sunday night.

A county policeman found the hair after Tony McLennan, 29, of Tukwila, told police he had been confronted Sunday night by a creature he described as over six feet tall, with glowing red eyes, and covered with dark hair.

The hair found on the brush near where the creature was seen was dark in color and "very coarse," county police said.

Police also said a path through the brush in the area lent credence to McLennan's report.

Police who went to the area found what appeared to be a new path through the scotch broom (a thick, brushy plant).

CANADA

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Seeing (a Sasquatch) is believing, man says

CANADA

RED DEER, Alta. (CP) — Some will cry fake, others will be skeptical but 42-year-old Ron Gummell of Calgary says that now's he's a believer.

Mr. Gummell said he was driving east from Jasper Saturday morning on the David Thompson Highway near Abraham Lake. He turned a bend in the road and there, standin in the middle of the road, were two Sasquatches.

He said: "They were so big they could have picked my car up and thrown it into the lake."

He estimated they were 12 feet tall, very big and covered with hair. They had flat faces.

As soon as they saw the car they sauntered into the bush.

"I was really shook up."

Mr. Gummell admits he was somewhat skeptical before his brief encounter but "you can be assured I'll be the last to scream fake the next time Sasquatch stories are in the air."

The Sasquatch is the Canadian equivalent of the Abominable Snowman. Canadiana says Indian mythology records the Sasquatch as a legendary tribe of aboriginal giants, hairy monsters with wide, flat noses and abnormally long arms, found in British Columbia. A Hudson Bay Co. man was established a post near Harrison Lake, B.C., in 1846 mentioned such wild giants frequently in his written reports.

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Shy Big Foot Eludes Observation Party

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By JACK PEMENT
Journal Staff Writer

THE DALLES — Big Foot has suddenly become a hot property here.

However, Big Foot himself apparently couldn't care less. He's in seclusion.

A team of 10 professional people commissioned by the National Wildlife Federation has begun searching for the fabled hairy ape of the wilds, using The Dalles as its base of operations, but no new sightings have been reported.

The biologist, the archeologists, the medical doctor and others in the Big Foot search party have begun, a vigil atop a rocky elevation near The Dalles, bringing into play sophisticated sighting and nocturnal photographic instruments. They are using as their headquarters the new Big Foot-Sasquatch Exhibition and Information Center at the western edge of the city. Their working area is a barren elevation above the Columbia River, but its deep shadowed crags apparently appeal to Big Foot. In past years many people have reported seeing him prowling around there.

It is a coincidence that the Irish-born explorer, Peter Byrne, decided to open a Big Foot museum just at the time the National Wildlife Federation search team undertook its project. Byrne considers it most fortunate that this has happened.

Byrne is a friend of Robert Morgan, head of the federation's team. They have, in fact, searched for Yeti, the Himalayan counterpart of Big Foot, together. Morgan has welcomed Byrne as a member of the team in the current investigation. Another member of the party is Byrne's attractive young wife, an avid Big Foot enthusiast.

The search is being financed with money donated to the federation by an unidentified woman in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., who has long been interested in getting the goods on Big Foot once and for all. Byrne says there has been some misunderstanding about the financing. He assures those who protest to him about the expenditure of $29,000 for such a seemingly inordinate purpose that the National Wildlife Federation is a privately endowed membership organization, not a government agency.

Byrne has set up his Big Foot museum in a 60-foot trailer atop which is mounted a yellow pennant featuring a huge black footprint. The interior walls are crowded with reprints of stories, photographs, charts and drawings, all with a Big Foot theme. Display cases include plaster casts of Big Foot's tracks and the skulls of fossil men.

Byrne never has caught a glimpse of Big Foot despite diligent searching. He nevertheless is "99 per cent sure" that the elusive animal exists.

"The accounts of other people — reliable, stable people I have talked to at length — bring me to my conviction," he says. "I have discussed Big Foot with enough of those who have claimed sightings that I believe I know accurately whether someone is telling the truth about what he saw. I can't discredit many of the reports I have heard."

Byrne argues that Big Foot sightings have been reported over the span of too many years to be interesting as a hoax any longer. He has on his museum walls copies of newspaper articles about hairy apes in the Northwest dating back to the 1850s.

A large purpose of the museum, Byrne said, is to act as a clearing house for Big Foot facts. Those who have sighted the creature in past years are eagerly solicited to tell their stories to Byrne if they haven't revealed themselves thus far, but he is particularly interested in recent and current sightings.

The center is offering a $1,000 reward to anyone "providing information that leads directly to a find by the center's investigative team, a find that is deemed of value. . ."

Byrne says some people have been reluctant to report Big Foot sightings for fear of being ridiculed for lying or hallucination. He says he will honor the wishes of anyone wishing to remain anonymous in relating an experience with Big Foot.

Thus far no one in Skamania County, across the Columbia River in Washington, has groused outspokenly about all the Big Foot attention being focused in The Dalles. This Wasco County town never has been appreciably Big Foot-conscious. On the other hand, Skamania County is so full of lore about the creature that anyone who sights one and "willfully and wantonly" slays it will be subject to a fine of $10,000 and-or imprisonment for up to five years.

That penalty is provided in an emergency ordinance passed by the Board of Commissioners of Skamania County after a flurry of reports on Big Foot sightings in 1969.

Hair and there with the Sasquatch

By ERIK LACITIS

Today's Sasquach report: A four-inch-long hair has been found.

King County police discovered the hair yestereay in bushes where the creature was reported sighted Sunday night in Maple Valley.

The hair was described as "dark."

Police said no further description was available pending an analysis by a laboratory technician.

THE CREATURE was sighted by Tony McLennan, 29, of Tukwila, while he drove down Lake Francis Road one mile east of Cedar Grove Road in Maple Valley.

McLennan described the creature as being about 6 to 8 feet tall, covered with dark hair and having eyes that glowed red when he shone his pickup truck's lights on it.

Police said, "we have been getting a lot of phone calls about the thing."

A spokesman said that one Maple Valley man called to report that two years ago someone (thing) carried off his garbage cans and repeatedly scared his horses.

OTHER CALLS have been received from people worried about being attacked by the legendary Northwest mountain beast.

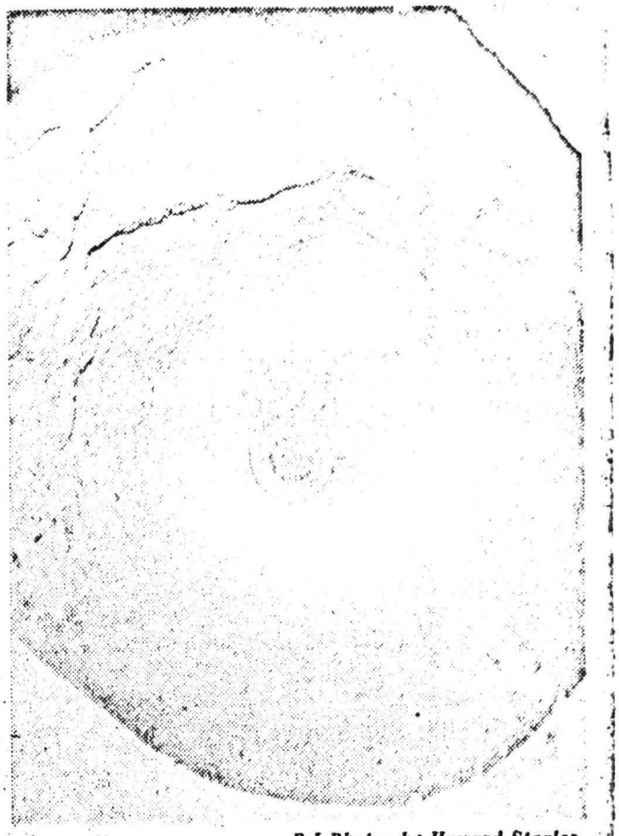
"Everybody wants to know what we are going to do about it," the spokesman said.

Right now, that consists mostly of waiting for the report on the hair—and answering phone calls.



JAMES JOHNSON PEERED DOWN BACKYARD HOLE

Bricks go down about three feet from the top



—P-I Photos by Howard Staples

89 TIRES ARE STILL IN THE HOLE

It took eight hours to get 75 tires out

Tacoman Sick of the 'Hole' Thing

BY STEVE JOHNSTON

TACOMA — James Johnson is pretty sick of hearing hole jokes, like is he going to write the "hole history" or when is the "hole story" ever going to be told.

Anyway, the whole truth is that James Johnson has a hole in his backyard. But this particular hole refuses to be filled up. And Johnson has tried, as have other owners of the Tacoma home where the hole is located.

Back in the 1920s, the owners dropped a load of marble and other junk down the hole. Apparently, the hole didn't like it and "an explosion blew everything out—marble and everything. The lady living here was scared to death and moved out," Johnson said.

About 10 years later, another owner filled up the hole and things seemed to calm down a little for 40 years.

Then one day Johnson's St. Bernard started to sniff around at a small hole in the yard. Until then, the Johnsons had no idea they had "The Hole" in their backyard. They thought they had moles.

Johnson stuck a 50-foot sewer snake down the opening but couldn't find bottom.

However, a city engineer was called in and said it looked like an old well. He measured it at 31 feet and suggested they fill it up, maybe with some gravel. The first three feet are lined with bricks.

The Johsons didn't realize they had a hole which wouldn't stay filled, but they did realize it would cost around $500 to fill it with gravel. Instead they picked up 164 old tires from St. Vincent DePaul's and threw them down the hole, along with an old rug, couple of boxes of junk and some dog bones. Then they covered it with a wooden plank the city gave them.

That was last year. A few weeks ago, Johnson decided to put on a sun deck, which would go over the hole. When he picked up the planks, he saw that the hole had sucked up the tires and was wanting more.

The word of Johnsons' hole started to spread and Johnson said he has had "a million and one offers" from people to clear out the tires and junk and see just where that hole goes.

He decided to let some professional cave explorers, the Cascade Grotto of the National Speleological Society, "get to the bottom of it."

Johnson and the explorers started to clear out the tires Friday — it took eight hours to get 75 tires out — and so far the explorers haven't found much and are only guessing that it is an old community well or maybe something used for water shortage. They did find some funny "egg-shaped" objects down there, Johnson said, but nobody knows what they are.

So far, the Johnsons have been able to take the hole and its fame in stride. A former resident came by and said his father lowered him down into the hole with a rope and bucket in 1922 and "something" pulled the bucket out of his hands. Johnson said it was such an incredible story, he didn't tell anyone about it for a long time.

And a Chicago reporter called the other day and asked if it was possible the hole was dug by a Sasquatch, the legendary man-sized beast that tramps around in the Northwest. Johnson told him he didn't think so.

Still, another theory has it that the hole is part of a series of tunnels once used to smuggle Chinese workers into Tacoma. The city fathers have denied it.

Or that it is a place where Indians buried their treasure. Or that it is an abandoned oil well. Or part of an old railroad tunnel.

What does Johnson think?

"I think there is an underground river running down there," he said, but he dismisses most of the other ideas.

But there are two things that Johnson is sure of. One is that he is not going down into the hole — "The only time I ever want to go down under is when it's all over" — and the second thing is "when all is said and done, the tires are going right back in" because it would cost too much to take them to the junk yard.

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BULLETIN

Search for 'Sasquatch'

King County police were searching near Maple Valley early today for a hairy eight-foot creature resembling a sasquatch.

Tony McLennan, 29, of Tukwila, said he sighted the creature last night as he was driving west on Lake Francis Road near Echo Lake.

First thinking the creature an injured dog, he drove his pickup to within five feet of the animal and stopped.

The creature then stood up, its head rising above the cab of the truck.

McLennan said it was covered with dark hair, its eyes glowed red and its face was human-looking. The body had elongated arms and no waist and was in a slouched position, he said.

Police found a foot-and-a-half wide path leading back into the woods. They also found a quarter-inch-thick piece of plaster board with a hole through it, as if something of great weight had stepped on it.